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Explosion Incubator will help businesses grow survivor leaves hospital

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Although his skin cannot be exposed to direct sunlight for approximately two years and he has presumably many months until physically back to par, Don Hall left the hospital Wednesday.

Hall was released from Medicalodge Post-Acute Rehabilitation Center in Arkansas City, Kan., after suffering massive burn trauma following a house explosion on 123 S. Alco Ave. Jan. 11.

University of Kansas Medical Center Burn Unit in Kansas City, Kan., initially treated Hall, but he was later taken to Medicalodge for physical therapy.

The skin grafting took very well and the outlook appears good; however, his sister, Margaret Thomas, believes he has a lot of adjusting to do after he gets settled at his brother Norman's house in Des Moines, Iowa, where he will continue intensive physical therapy. In fact, the entire family continues to adjust, Thomas said.

"It's hard to put into words," she said. "You don't know how deeply it affects your life and heart until you experience something like this."

While still not confirmed by the state fire marshal, most suspect a gas leak of some sort caused the explosion that leveled the entire house, killing Hall's mother, Lois, and brother, Carroll.

When Hall was at KU Medical Center, Thomas and her husband ventured down to see him every weekend, like so many friends and family members. While she remains devastated the explosion claimed the lives of her mother and brother, she believes their deaths could have been worse if they had succumbed to a long-term, painful illness. She remains thankful the two passed with minimal suffering.

"In that regard, it was a blessing," Thomas said.

The family is grateful for the support shown through prayer, memorials and letters, but they are also thankful for the neighbors collecting scattered memorabilia surviving the explosion. Neighbors recovered letters written by Thomas and Hall's father, photos, photo albums and an unscathed photo of Jesus Christ.

"It was so incredibly tender for the neighbors to save things for us," Thomas said. "It was like God said, 'Here, I am saving these things for you.'"

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Developing small business is part of the new focus of the Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics.

The incubator, located on the Northwest campus, is still under construction, was originally built to serve as a research area and academic support for Ventria

Bioscience.

An incubator would allow a new business to grow in a controlled environment before settling on a permanent location, according to Jason White, assistant professor of economics and finance at Northwest.

"One of the big advantages is cost saving. If you go into a service business, you have to equip your office with copiers, Internet

and secretaries," he said. "In an incubator environment, that cost is shared among all the people that occupy the same space."

When a facility accepts a business, they develop in the facility for a three-year term. Within three to five years, the business will move into a permanent location in the area bringing revenue to the city.

"Right now we are deter-

mining what would be the most feasible types of businesses to attract and what we should focus our small business incubator on," White said.

The agreement between Northwest and Ventria dissolved, but Northwest continues its search for a business in the biotechnology field.

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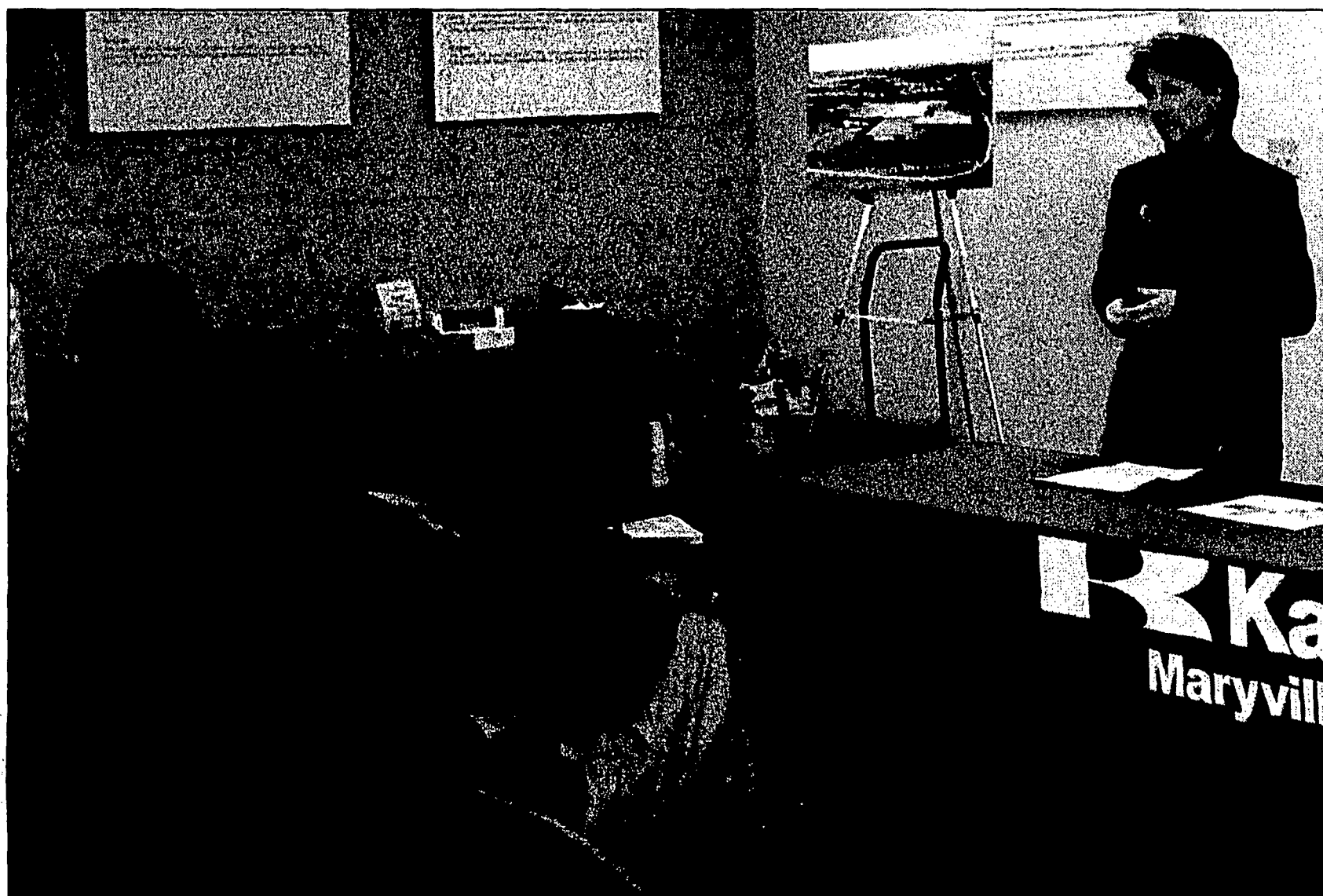


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PART OF the application process for evacuees Gary Thomas (right) and his son, Brian, included a video presentation about the Kawasaki plant from the plant's Human Resource Manager Anita Coulter.

Job fair helps hurricane victims

By Domnick Hadley and Dennis Sharkey
Northwest Missourian

Kawasaki Motors and the Nodaway County Economic Development Corporation joined forces this week to launch a remote job fair in Kansas City, Mo., exclusively for Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims.

Representatives from both organizations set up shop at Kansas City's Full Employment Council and Missouri's Career Center on Wednesday to present employment information for hurricane victims currently residing in the city.

According to FEC Re-integration Counselor Dovusher Buckles, the city currently has about 1,400 evacuees in the Missouri Evacuee Program.

Buckles said evacuees are still in a transition period. She said in the next couple of months evacuees will have a lot of decisions to make.

"The evacuees are now beginning to focus on

where they are going to stay and Missouri for many of them, has become the area in which they have chosen to live," Buckles said. "Now of course they are realizing that they have decided to stay and employment is very crucial."

The job fair is one of many efforts spearheaded by Kawasaki and the Economic Development Corporation to fill more than 100 production positions created last year.

Following the workforce expansion, Kawasaki and the Economic Corporation established an employee recruitment task force geared towards filling the new positions.

They launched an advertising campaign targeting cities outside Nodaway County boundaries.

Nodaway County for the last five years has had or tied the lowest unemployment rate in the state, Nodaway County Economic Development Director Lee Langerock said.

She also said counties like Jackson where the unemployment rate is over 6 percent have become targets for recruiting workers.

In the midst of the campaign, the task force contacted Buckles and invited her to a task force meeting.

Kawasaki Human Resource Manager Anita Coulter said the idea for a job fair targeting evacuees was born from the meeting.

"It was a group effort," Coulter said. "Dovusher was actually a guest and she was talking to all of the evacuees here and so we just put two and two together and we decided to come down and try it and see what kind of response we get."

"The Missouri Career Center has been very helpful in hosting job expos in Maryville. We have done a couple of remotes in Trenton and

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TO LIVE OR LET DIE?



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FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Meow-Meow curls up to her owner, Maryville resident Todd Willis. Meow-Meow has stomach cancer, but Willis does not want to have her euthanized.

'Wilderness' Financial aid goes localized for Centennial online to 'CatPAWS'

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As part of the Centennial celebration, Northwest Theatre produces "Ah, Wilderness!" to recreate an era of Northwest's first year.

"Ah, Wilderness!" is an American classic play by Eugene O'Neill set on July 4, 1906. The play, set around the time of Northwest's first year as a normal school, tells a story of a son's rebelling behavior which his American family strongly objects.

Richard Miller, the son, sends coming-of-age poems to his girl-friend, as her father strongly objects to her continuing to see him. Heart-broken, Richard must find a way to get back his love while facing his father's punishment.

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Starting this May, Northwest takes the business of financial aid out of the mailbox and places it at students' fingertips.

After Northwest reports spring trimester grades, students will be able to finalize their financial aid awards via CatPAWS. After receiving a notification e-mail from the Northwest financial aid department, students will access CatPAWS to review and either accept or decline the aid award, and make necessary adjustments by term.

If needed, students can follow a separate link to inform the financial aid office of private scholarships, loans or other aid not mentioned in the award letter.

Due to signature requirements, Parent Plus Loans still require hard

copies of forms delivered to the school. Students can access another link to the printable information form, which students may then either fax or mail to the financial aid office.

Northwest Director of Financial Aid Del Morley foresees a continued need for paper mailing to serve transfer students and entering freshmen. However, a combination of trends and innovations may pave the way for an eventual paperless system in the distant future. With each passing year, expertise in data processing systems improves at Northwest and an increasing number of families gain convenient Internet access.

"We just didn't really have the ability to make this happen until about a year ago," Morley said. "And we were still learning, at

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CITYBRIEFS

ISO goes 'Around the World' with annual dinner

Northwest's International Students Organization will host the 26th annual dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 4, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The banquet, titled "Around the World in 80 Minutes," celebrates ISO's continuing commitment to the spirit of friendship, understanding and diversity shared by all members of the Northwest community.

The dinner includes live entertainment and a meal featuring dozens of dishes prepared by students and other members of the University community representing cuisines from around the world.

Admission is \$10 for faculty, staff and the general public; \$9 for students and senior citizens; and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building, the Intercultural and International Center in the J.W. Jones Student Union or from any ISO member. Students can charge tickets to their Bearcat accounts.

For more information, call the IIC office at 562-1367.

Concert features marine soloist

Gunnery Sgt. Susan Rider, trumpeter/cornetist with "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, will perform as a featured soloist during the free Northwest Symphonic Band/Wind Symphony Mid-Winter Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, in Charles Johnson Theatre on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Northwest's Symphonic Band will take the stage during the first half of the concert under the direction of Assistant Professor Carl Kling and graduate students Joel Dake and Nicholas Ross. Their program will include "Fire of Eternal Glory," by the Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich and "Carnival of Venice Variations," by Herbert L. Clarke, which features Rider on trumpet.

Following a brief intermission, Rider and Kling will return to the stage with the Northwest Wind Symphony for "Concerto for Trumpet and Symphonic Band" by Alexander Arturian and "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" by Leroy Anderson.

The Wind Symphony will also perform "Valdres" by Johannes Hanssen, "A Movement for Rosa" by Mark Camphouse, "Irish Tune from County Derry/Shepherd's Hey" by Percy Aldridge Grainger and "Shortcut Home" by Dana Wilson.

Switchfoot to host pre-finals jam

The alternative power pop band Switchfoot will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Bearcat Arena.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, Feb. 24, at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Tickets will also be available by phone at 562-1212 and online at nwmissouri.edu/tickets. Cost is \$20 for the general public and \$12 for students with a valid Bearcat ID.

Athlete, an indie-rock quartet from London, will open the show, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Council.

Drag show suits up for next week

Common Ground hosts its 2006 Drag Show 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$3 with a canned good donation and \$5 without. Proceeds will benefit the Human Rights Campaign, a national civil rights organization that works to achieve equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans gender citizens.

President gives advice for life success

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"When destiny calls, what will you say, what will you do about it?"

Bernard Franklin, president of Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Mo., offered this challenge during a speech Monday night in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

His presentation, "Sankofa: Looking Back to Move Forward," focused primarily on using the past to do great things in the future. Franklin, who has a doctorate degree in counseling and educational psychology from Kansas State University, used his own experience as an example.

He said that, as a "dirt poor" youth in Oklahoma, living in a house with no electricity or running water, the idea of becoming a doctor seemed foreign to him.

Yet it wasn't long before his hard work began paying off. In 1975, Franklin gained national attention by becoming the first African-American to be elected as student body president at KSU.

He was also appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents

when he was 25 years old. He later became the chair.

Franklin indicated his greatest moment, however, came when he helped his brother move into Morehouse College in Atlanta in the mid-1970s. The two were surprised to meet his brother's roommate—Martin III, son of Martin Luther King, Jr.

This meeting marked the start of a close relationship between Franklin and the King family, especially the late Coretta Scott King, whom he called "remarkable."

"We talk about single mothers in this country," Franklin said. "Here's a woman with four children and no money who single-handedly convinced Congress to create a holiday for her late husband."

Franklin said one of the ways to do great things is to follow King's three principles of diversity: avoiding things that impoverish the soul, respecting the idea that everyone is a part of the same family and loving your enemies.

"We all have an appointment with destiny. Life is going to ask you to take responsibility," Franklin



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BERNARD FRANKLIN, president of Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Mo., smiles as he recalls the day his grandfather told him he would some day become a doctor. Franklin, who has worked with prominent figures such as the late Coretta Scott King, challenged all people to follow in King's footsteps during a speech Monday night.

said. "You can be ready when opportunity knocks on your door to do something extraordinary."

"I believe we were placed on this earth, on this space, to be a gift to humanity and to make life better for each other."

Franklin's audience was primarily composed of Northwest students and faculty, including President Dean Hubbard.

Senior Kelsey Nichols said she enjoyed hearing Franklin's advice.

"It was interesting to hear where he came from and how diversity means looking at yourself before you look at the bigger issues," Nichols said.

Sophomore Raquel Gant said Franklin's speech helped her rethink how she handles situations where opportunity presents itself.

"I knew I was a leader, but I didn't know I should be prepared to take advantage of an opportunity and not wait for it to happen to me," she said.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

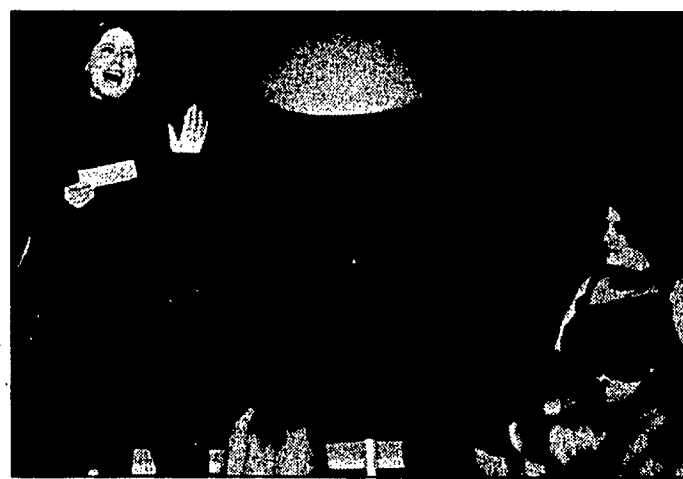


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SOPHOMORE CARA HOOD performs the skit, "Because He Liked to Look At It," during Saturday's presentation of "The Vagina Monologues," held in the Union Ballroom.

Northwest to host eating disorders speaker

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Northwest students, faculty, staff and Maryville citizens are invited to attend a presentation on eating disorders.

Leigh Cohn, a well-known author and expert in eating disorders, will present "Let's Talk about Men's Bodies (and Women's, Too)" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Cohn is publisher of Gurze Books, which specializes in eating disorders.

He has co-authored several books, including *Bulimia: A Guide to Recovery*, *Self-Esteem Tools for Recovery* and *Making Weight: Healing Men's Conflict with Food, Weight & Shape*.

Cohn has spoken on eating disorders at colleges and universities, hospitals and professional conferences for the past 20 years.

Throughout the day, Cohn will be on hand to give 45-minute presentations to small groups in Dining Room 2 in the Union.

From 1 to 1:45 p.m., he will meet with Residential Life, and at 2 p.m. faculty and staff will have a chance

to listen to him speak.

Cohn will speak to the general student body at 3 p.m., and to students of the Missouri Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Computing at 4 p.m.

Laraine Walters, campus dietician said eating for comfort, eating freely and restrictive eating qualify as disordered eating.

"I think we all have disordered eating habits to some extent," Walters said.

Robert Theodore, director of counseling and research for the Missouri Academy, hopes people leave the presentation with awareness about eating disorders on campus and it the community, and ways they can help people with eating disorders.

"I'm really looking forward to having him here," Theodore said. "I think this is a great opportunity for Northwest to have Leigh here."

Cohn's presentation is sponsored by the Missouri Academy, the Student Affairs Office, the Health Center, the Residential Life office, the Counseling Center and Aramark.

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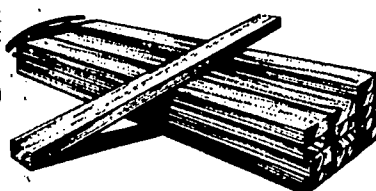
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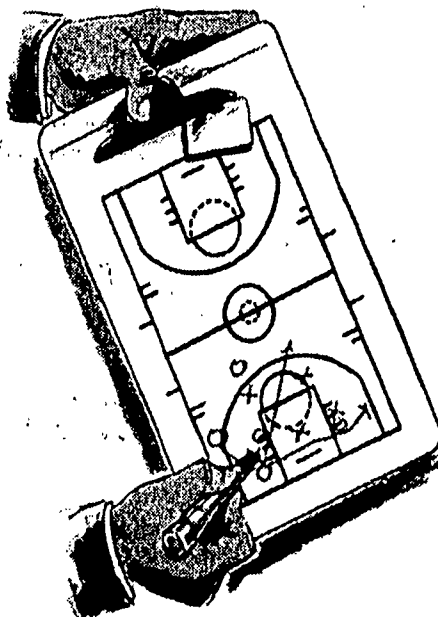


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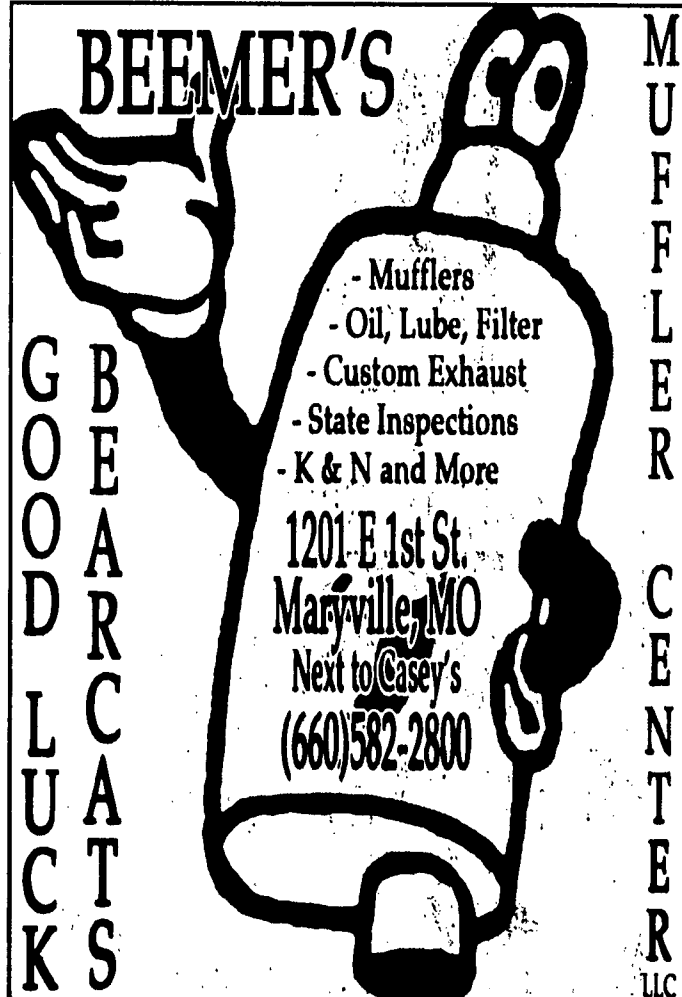
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Raising awareness, money while in jail

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Ice and cold didn't stop 11 Maryville residents from turning themselves in to the Jail Bail for Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser.

However, because of the inclement weather the event could not go on as planned. Volunteers were supposed to go out into the Maryville area on Feb. 16 to bring the "jail birds" in. Due to the ice, plans changed.

Out of the 57 confirmed people 11 showed up because of the weather. Those 11 people raised almost \$5,000. Last year the fundraiser brought \$9,000 and there were about 40 people.

"For those 11 people to bring almost \$5,000 like that was amazing," said Shante Abernathy, coordinator of the event.

She said the overall experience was great.

"The Hanger was amazing," Abernathy said. "The food that they gave us and the service that they provided us; it was an overall great experience, even with the ice," Abernathy said.

All the money raised by this event will stay in the area. The funds go to patient services in our area; this money will help families afford things like leg braces and wheelchairs. Donations are still being accepted to the Muscular Dystrophy office in Kansas City, Mo. If anyone would like to donate, Abernathy requests that the donations be sent to 9200 Ward Parkway, Suite 360, Kansas City, Mo., 64114.

Abernathy would like to thank Angela Perkins for her help with this event. Coordinator of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning at Northwest

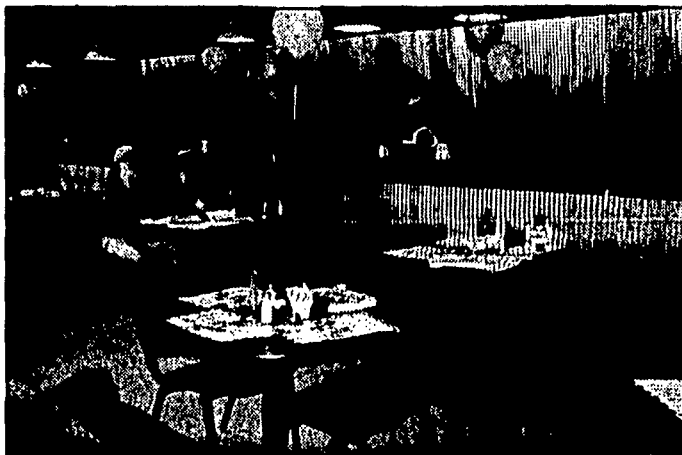


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LAST YEAR'S lock up attracted over 40 volunteers. Eric W. Nelson (left) was one of only 11 volunteers. Despite the low turnout, MDA representative Kelly Mistler (right) said the lock up still raised close to \$5,000.

Perkins provided Abernathy with seven volunteers on very short notice.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is planning future fundraisers in Trenton, Mo. and Chillicothe, Mo., next week, and in March there is an

event planned in Lexington, Mo. The Shamrock program is currently going on. People can support the Shamrock program by purchasing shamrocks, \$1 or \$5, at participating stores and the proceeds go to the MDA.

CITYBRIEFS

Juvenile diabetes research drive raises money

The Maryville Hy-Vee raised \$3,500 of the \$15,000 goal to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Drive.

To help raise money there will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Hy-Vee. The cost is \$5 per adult with children 3 and under eating for free.

An auction will be held Saturday, March 11, to sell new and used items with proceeds benefiting Juvenile Diabetes. People are asked to bring items to Hy-Vee for the auction before March 1.

Maryville resident dies in single-car accident in Hopkins, Mo.

A Maryville resident was killed and a Burlington Junction, Mo. woman was injured in a single-vehicle accident Saturday night.

Matt Reasoner, 22, was killed after his pickup overturned near Hopkins, Mo., and was partially ejected from the vehicle. Elizabeth Shipley, 22, was taken to St. Francis Hospital and Health Services for treatment to minor injuries.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol reported that Reasoner was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Conception, Mo., man killed in farming accident

A Conception, Mo., man was killed Monday in a farming accident near Conception, according to the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

Jim Coulter, 63, was putting hay out for cattle on his farm, when his tractor rolled over him. The tractor was stopped on a slope when it began to roll, hitting Coulter, according to Sgt. Steve Whittington, a deputy with the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

Coulter was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:30 a.m.

Gill bids farewell after 30 years serving as city clerk

After three decades of working as city clerk, Jo Gill will say goodbye to her career at Maryville City Hall.

She intends to resign from her job May 31.

As city clerk, Gill has been involved in countless city council meetings, and acted as the recorder in some of the most important discussions. Her occupation is vital to keeping track of all big decisions, which have a major affect on local citizens. She organizes all the documents and information pertaining to the internal workings of the city's government.

"I commend Jo Gill for her dedication to the city," City Council member Chad Jackson said. "She can pull anything out of her mind in terms of ordinances. She is very committed to this community."

Case raises challenge to lawsuit limits

By David A. Lieb
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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - An attorney for parents whose young son died in a Kansas City hospital is challenging the constitutionality of a new Missouri law that limits the amount of money juries can award in wrongful death cases.

The lawsuit, filed by Kansas City lawyer William J. Jacob, appears to be one of the first to take aim at the "tort reform" law enacted last year as one of the top priorities of the Republican-led Legislature and Gov. Matt Blunt.

It contends the law contains "unreasonable, arbitrary and discriminatory" provisions in violation of the state constitution, and that it unconstitutionally prevents people who were wronged before its Aug. 28 effective date from filing suit under the old, more financially generous law.

"I think the Legislature improperly reached back," Jacob said Wednesday. "I think the retrospective argument is extremely strong."

But others don't think his case has much merit.

The Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys—one of the leading critics of the law—tried to discourage Jacob from raising the constitutional challenge, because it thought his underlying case was weak and potentially filed past the statutory deadline, said Sharon Geuea Jones, MATA's governmental affairs director.

"This guy is a lone ranger out there and definitely is not working with us," Jones said.

The wrongful death suit, filed Jan. 9 in Jackson County Circuit Court, has escaped public attention partly because Jacob was not seeking any. The plaintiffs are Zebedee and Karen Collins, whose 14-month-old son, Ameen Collins, died Jan. 8, 2003, at

Children's Mercy Hospital.

The hospital is the lead defendant in the lawsuit, which also names 16 other people and corporations involved in providing health care to the child.

An attorney for Children's Mercy Hospital was not available for comment Wednesday.

The 2004 law was promoted by Republicans as a way to help hold down the rising costs of medical malpractice and business liability insurance, thus making Missouri a more attractive place to work.

Among its key provisions was a permanent \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, in medical malpractice cases — a drop from the previous inflation-adjusted cap that had risen to \$579,000. The law also limited punitive damages in all liability cases to \$500,000 or five times the actual damages awarded to a plaintiff, whichever is greater.

Aim for gun safety

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Vice President Dick Cheney fouled up on a recent hunting trip, but his accident inspired many to learn the basic rules for hunting safety.

Cheney accidentally shot fellow hunter Harry Whittington on Feb. 11 at a ranch in south Texas and wounded him in the face and chest with shotgun pellets. Nodaway County hunters could find themselves in the same predicament as Cheney if basic hunting safety is not practiced.

The Americans for Gun Safety Foundation proposed hunters establish 'zones of fire' before taking a hunting trip. Each member of the group should determine the area the hunter will track and fire should game

appear.

Hunters may be over-anxious when supposed prey appears, but the Missouri Hunter Education Instructor's Association expressed the importance of knowing what you are shooting at. The first thing a hunter should do is positively identify his or her target before shooting. A scoped firearm does not make up for the absence of binoculars.

Missouri offers several hunters safety courses for all ages. Certificates or licenses are required before legally hunting in the state.

In the Mozingo Lake area, hunting is only allowed north of 239th Street from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15. Shotguns may be used for ducks, geese and rabbits only. Permits may be acquired from Maryville Public Safety for \$2.

Gun Safety Rules

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Know your target and what is beyond that target.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Be aware that certain types and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

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Mercy can be hard gift to give

Life and death both have horizons. At some inevitable point, the sun sets upon one only to rise above the next. As human beings, we wait, at times apprehensively, for the that ultimate transition. But every now and then, we find it difficult to accept the moment when all living things must undergo that great change.

Readers with delicate heartstrings may or may not want to miss the feature photo in this week's *Northwest Missourian* depicting the story of a local cat named Meow-Meow. Meow-Meow suffers from severe stomach cancer, but her family opposes euthanasia. Nonetheless, they continue to care for her as best they can, so that her remaining time may be as comfortable as they can make it.

Though we empathize with the unbreakable bond Meow-Meow and her family have formed, we at the *Northwest Missourian* urge pet owners in Maryville and everywhere else our readers may be to remain aware of a note of compassion for pets whose last days are filled with unavoidable suffering.

Pets work a curious magic in people's lives. They don't look, act or think like us, but the loyalty, joy and companionship they can give a life brings them closer than some owners' own flesh and blood. Their loyalty so touches their human companions' lives, that the realization of their mortality bears with it the ultimate realization that a dog or cat has loved like a human.

Precisely this makes the decision to let them go near unbearable.

But if we share the same bond with our animal companions, do we not also owe them our most cherished human virtues of mercy, compassion and sacrificial love? Would we not be better to deliver the ultimate gift of love by granting them eternal peace, rather than let them live and suffer just for us?

Local animal care facilities empathize with the unenviable decision of giving up a cherished friend. They consider it a gift to end an animal's pain and grant it rest from suffering. Research the options available to make the decision easier. Some facilities will perform the procedure on an out-patient basis, for animals in too great of pain to even make the short car ride to the local veterinary clinic. Many veterinarians will offer not only their condolences, but provide a sort of counseling to remind owners that, even in death, they acted in the best interests of their animal friends.

Sally Hayse of South Paws Veterinary Clinic recommends a simple system for weighing the health of ailing pets. Watch their behavior and monitor their eating habits; often, when pets near death, they refuse to eat—they almost appear to lose the will to live. Keep track on a calendar, and watch carefully for when the "bad days" outnumber the good ones.

Don't think of choosing to end a suffering animal's life as some perverse God-game. Try thinking of it as giving your best friend a final, ever-lasting gift.

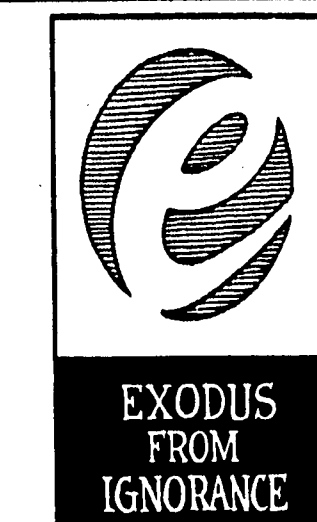
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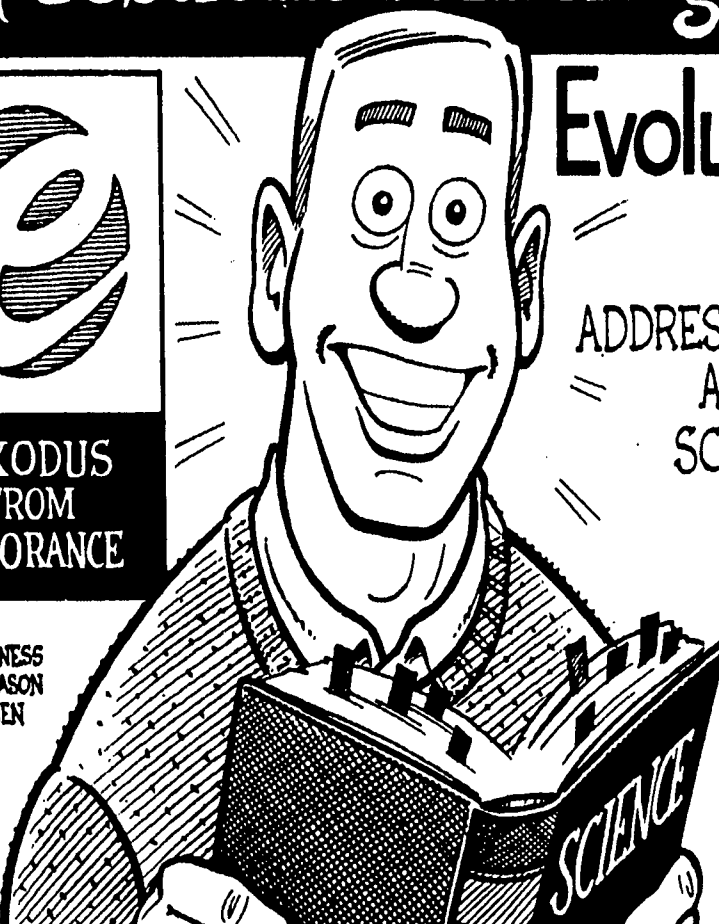
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Privacy's puzzling dichotomy

When, and where, will someone draw a line of demarcation that reminds us we don't need to know everything?

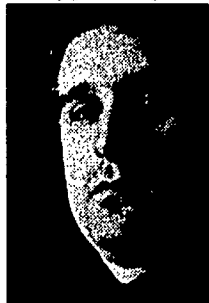
I know everyone expects some sort of answer as to where privacy stands in America. Unfortunately, I don't have it. As far as I can tell, America wants privacy only at their convenience. For the most part, we obliviously could care less about the details of our lives to which total strangers are privy. But that stops absolutely no one from screaming about the Bush administration invading that very same privacy that so many people seem not to care less about in the first place.

Now define this as pure speculation, but Dick Cheney inadvertently unleashing some birdshot into his hunting-buddy didn't cause oil prices to skyrocket. His lacking marksmanship didn't result in a breach of national security, fiscal crisis or, frankly, any other national emergency of any kind.

And yet, people still responded with outrage that Cheney could've cared less about America knowing every sordid detail of the incident directly from his mouth. And that only raised another question: why should we care, anyway?

We exist amidst an odd dichotomy, with regards to what we do and don't know. Not a day goes by that someone doesn't scream bloody-murder about the death of civil liberties and privacy in America. But on a lesser scale, one would swear people actually cared less than ever before about how much anyone knows about them. Anybody

Jagged Edges



Sean Comer
Opinion Editor

want proof? Start by getting a Xanga membership.

Millions of complete strangers have fingertip-access to detailed accounts of each other's drunken exploits, sexual escapades and personal trials and tribulations. We should marvel that anyone would even waste a moment watching "The Real World"; between Xanga and your average cell-phone user, the melodrama plays out all around us—no MTV middle-man needed.

Thanks to the combined innovations of bars and drunken people slurping/screaming their own play-by-play of an inebriated hook-up into a phone, I feel like a close personal acquaintance of half the bar-goers in Maryville, for the many gory details I've overheard. And really, I give some of you guys and gals credit; if you had play-by-play, some of you would be the equivalent to a smutty John Madden.

On a related note, until you stumble into such a scenario as sharing close quarters with a cellular screamer, one never really considers the linguistic versatility of the F-bomb.

I feel so gypped by my high school semantics class.

Knowing this, government wiretaps themselves don't make me furious. I just can't believe that the government would waste the money on taps when they only need to place roving agents within about 3 feet of the average cell phone user to get far, far more details than they need. I don't understand why anyone would bother collecting whole FBI files on others, when so many

people splatter the gore and guts of their personal lives all over the walls of the average blog entry.

Average Americans can't seem to wait to lay themselves bare to America. Millions flood MTV with homemade tapes flaunting how infinitely fascinating they think they are. They do this in the hopes MTV will offer to tape their vapid little existences and broadcast their alcohol-and-hormone fueled exploits nationwide.

And what do many of these vodka-zombie 20-somethings do to augment their notoriety? Pose in Playboy.

In Cheney's case, we feel that with the holding of office, comes an obligation to inform all of America of every insignificant happening in a public official's life. Personally, I cared about Cheney's hunting accident for about 5 minutes. But after that time expired, I had a pesky gastro-intestinal ailment to which I dedicated a 2,000-word blog entry.

Personally, I don't understand all the fuss about government invasion of privacy—how are they supposed to "invade" personal lives that people can't wait to plaster on a Web site at their earliest opportunities for everyone else to read, anyway?

Besides, everybody finally got exactly what they wanted: people have spent years clamoring to vicariously live through Brangelina, TomKat and Bennifer. Now, the free world has become the equivalent to MSN's gossip section.

Now if you'll excuse me, I must attend to a conference call in the Union regarding a bad case of gas I had last night. I'll post the details on Facebook later.

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We use technology in many ways today to better our lives and make things more convenient, efficient and safe. Now we need to apply that same technology to improve health care delivery to help reduce costs and improve outcomes for Missouri patients.

I recently established the Missouri Health Care Information Technology Task Force charged with finding ways for our state to improve the delivery of health care to all our citizens through the use of technology. I applaud the Senate for realizing the potential benefits of technology to health care with the passage of Senate Bill 858 on Feb. 9, creating a Health Care Technology Fund. This fund will ensure basic technology can become a part of the improved delivery of services for all Missourians.

Medicaid is a valuable program for those truly in need of assistance, so we must work to protect the program and ensure it is sustainable for the long-term. Last year we took important steps to keep the program from bankrupting the state. Had we not taken action Missouri taxpayers would have needed to come up with \$935 million to fund the old program. I have asked those who are opposed to reforming the old program to be honest and identify which programs they would cut or which taxes they would raise.

Governor's Desk



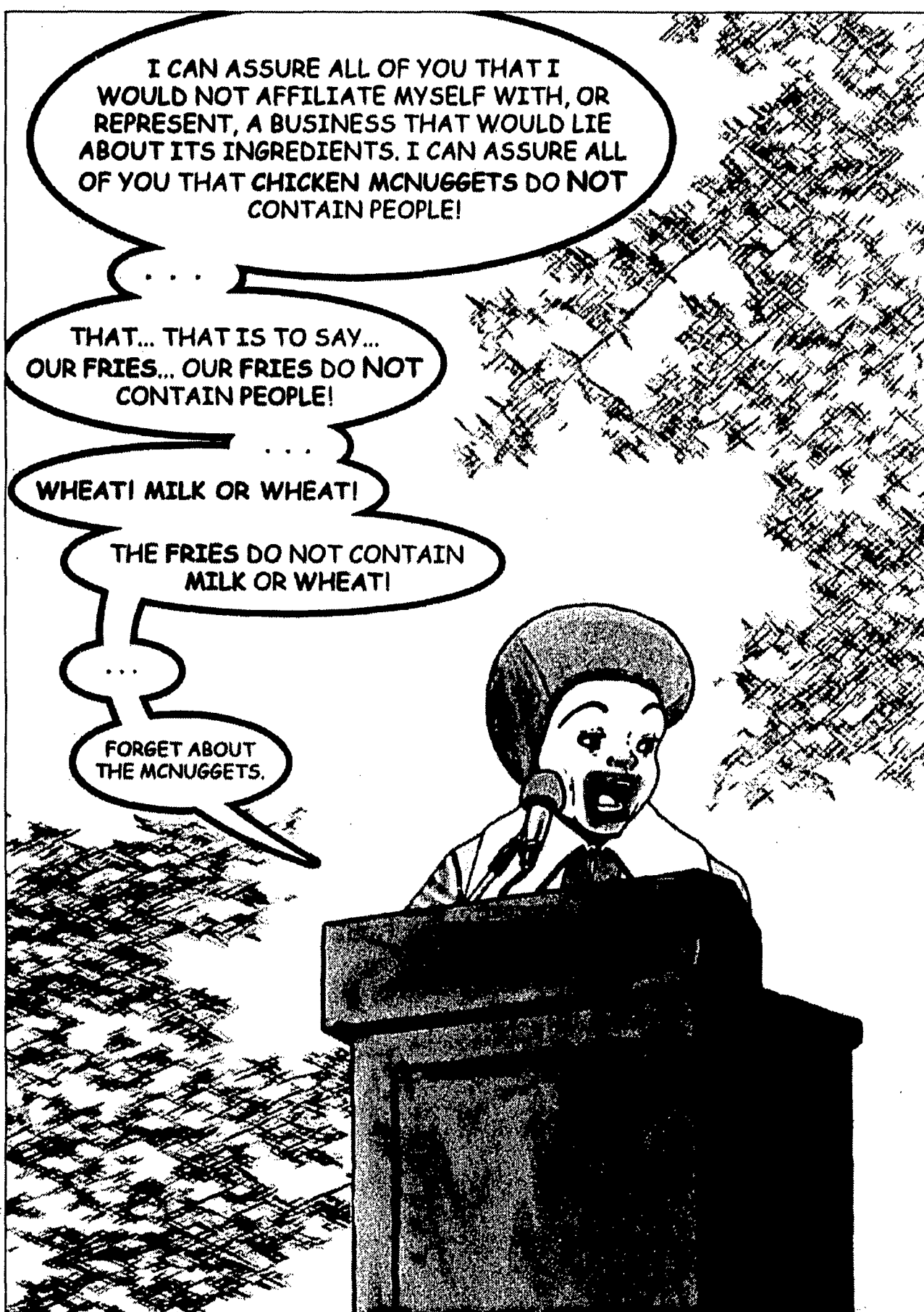
Matt Blunt
Missouri Governor

Missouri's generous program continues to provide health care for 16 percent of our population. This vital program receives approximately 29 percent of the entire state budget and, even with changes, continues to cost the state more each year.

We must work together to provide access to quality and affordable health care to reduce the number of uninsured or under insured in our state. A new health care delivery program for Missouri should contain elements like incentives for employers to provide health coverage for their employees and buying pools for small businesses and individuals to increase their purchasing power. Missouri should examine the benefits of providing tax incentives for individuals who purchase their own medical, long-term care and in-home health insurance.

We will continue to be aggressive in efforts to root out waste and fraud in our health care delivery system. Since I took office, we have identified \$138 million in waste and abuse in Medicaid alone. We must strive for a more efficient system while prosecuting those who defraud our health care system.

Missouri is looked upon as a national leader in health care because of our ongoing efforts to create a health care system that provides quality and affordable care to Missourians in their time of need. We must continue to work together to create a new and better health care delivery system for our state.



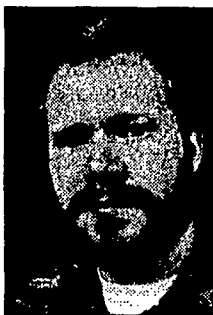
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Bush compromises our safety

It's been a slow week. At first, I thought I was going to have to resort to writing about Dick Cheney's hunting fiasco in order to come up with something thought provoking and entertaining. Fortunately, the president came through again.

As you may have heard, six American ports are about to be turned over to a company from the United Arab Emirates. The UAE, obviously, is an Arab country, and that's fine. What's not so fine is the fact that the UAE was used by the Sept. 11 hijackers as a financial and operational base. Today, the UAE is still a terrorist breed-

To the Point



Dustin Boone
Contributing Columnist

ing ground. What is also troubling is that some port officials had no advance notice that the supervision of our ports would soon be controlled by a company from the UAE. To put this in perspective, two of the hijackers were from the UAE and zero were from Iraq.

Now, I don't mean to play the "Bush Card of Fear" but it is inexcusable that the Bush administration allowed this to happen, citing the UAE's efforts in the war on terror. As a result of this takeover, Republicans and Democrats are nearly united in their opposition. In return, Bush threat-

ened to veto any legislation that would impede the transaction. It should also be mentioned that Bush, by his own admission, can't tell the difference between Great Britain and the UAE concerning port control. I would like to hear again from my Republican counterparts on how this president makes them feel more secure than anyone else.

To be fair, the security of the ports will still be controlled by the United States. And while this might be a company that plays by the rules, we cannot ignore the very real possibility that some terrorists will take advantage of this deal if it goes through. Foreign countries should always be welcomed to do business in the United States, but not at the compromise of our security.

Mississippi billboards overexpose sex offender

As I was watching CNN Headline News earlier this week, one top-of-the-hour story caught my attention: registered sex offenders may soon be posted on billboards across the state of Mississippi.

This got me thinking. Yes, there should be awareness regarding registered sexual offenders. But is it necessary to plaster a horrid mug shot of a felon, their full name and the words reading below it, "raped a 12-year-old girl" or whatever the crime may be on a towering structure?

No.

By having sex offenders listed on billboards, Mississippi state officials would harm those offenders who try to get on with their lives and move on.

However, Don Taylor, head of the Mississippi State Department of Human Services, believes that by using this medium to promote awareness, the number of sex offender cases will continue to decrease.

Though the awareness idea sounds positive, not all Mississippi citizens agree. Nsombi Lambright, head of the American Civil Liberties Union in Mississippi commented earlier this week to *The Clarion-Ledger*, a Mississippi newspaper, that having billboards advertise sexual offenders is a waste of tax payer's money.

"Why is it necessary to put them on billboards if

Just the Facts



Jessica Lavicky
Managing Editor

they're already serving?" she said. "If they have criminal charges before them, the information is public; the victims are notified...the people already know in these communities who these folks are once they're arrested."

Closer to home, Missouri upholds its own requirements regarding sexual offenders.

Convicted sexual offenders must register with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, under federal law, within 10 days of conviction.

All of this information is required to be on-record and open to the public upon request, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Missouri provides a registry Web site that allows public searching of names, locations, counties, cities and zip codes of where offenders are residing, according to David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney.

Drawbacks to the Web site, or any efforts to keep the public aware, include updating the location of the offenders.

Registered offenders don't always contact the county on their whereabouts.

In Missouri, failing to register results in a sentence of a class A misdemeanor. Those offenders convicted of a felony, including those involving a child under the

age of 14, will be guilty of a class D felony.

Mississippi state officials need to research other feasible options and put their taxpayer money to better use.

For example, Missouri just recently made the Amber Alert available via cell phones, pages and PDA's. Now when the alert goes out, people can be contacted instantly to be on guard. Improving technology may one day make it possible to contact people regarding relocation of sex offenders.

They already have a running Web site for the public to search in their area. Upon request at the county courthouse, the public can view open records also providing information.

Newspapers provide free press of letting the community readers know that an offender has moved.

Another option could be global positioning satellites. House Arrests Services, Inc., provides easy and safe tracking of offenders.

This option would provide access to locations of where the sex offenders reside, and let officials know if they have relocated or moved out of state.

The state of Mississippi should look into some of these options for public awareness.

The public will still be informed, and visitors to the state of Mississippi will no longer be turned off or feel scared about visiting and seeing a massive billboard bearing the name of "John Doe, 37, convicted of sodomy."

Rietz right at home in Maryville

I was quite honored to receive a call earlier this week from Sean Comer of the *Northwest Missourian* inviting me to write a guest column.

I thought the paper had come up with an excellent way to continue to build a closer connection between the University and the community at large. I have never been a guest columnist in a newspaper, so this is a new experience for me, but I expect that I am up to the challenge.

I have now been on the job for four weeks. I've met a lot of great people, and I know I'm still just scratching the surface. I'm trying to make the rounds, but it takes time.

One thing that I have already figured out is that this was the right move for me. Not only is this a warm and inviting community, the job that I took here at

the city appears to be just what I wanted at this stage in my career.

Until this point I have been working as the administrator for cities much smaller than Maryville and the focus of those jobs was more on the day to day business than on the analysis and management of the organization as a whole.

The city manager position in Maryville will allow me to do more of the big picture activities and to guide and direct the upper-level management in their efforts to carry out the day to day.

I should probably take this opportunity to say a little bit about who I am and where I come from. I was born in Oshkosh, Wis., so I grew up going to the big air show they have there and still make it back for that every couple of years. Being from Wisconsin also makes

me a Green Bay Packers fan. I also enjoy baseball at all levels and wouldn't mind making it to Omaha, Neb., for some College World Series games one of these days.

I also enjoy gardening, biking and cooking spicy food. I have a wife, Vicki, and a 6-month-old daughter named Emma and three teenage stepchildren who will be spending their summers here.

Our house in Minnesota has sold now, so soon the entire family will be reunited under one roof here in Maryville.

I look forward to this opportunity to share my perspectives on the city and the community in future guest columns. There are many important things coming along in the near future and hopefully you will find the information I provide about them useful.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 2
■ **Wilma G. Dawson**, 77, Maryville, collided with Brad Behrens, Grant City, Mo., 1600 block South Main.

■ Stealing by deceit, ongoing investigation, location unknown.

Feb. 3
■ **Johnny R. Rich**, 33, Skidmore, Mo., failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, exceeding posted speed limit, 500 block West South Hills Drive.

■ Vehicle damage, 400 block Lisa Lane.

■ Vehicle damage, 100 block North Avenue.

■ Vehicle damage, 500 block East Davison Square.

■ **Christopher A. Morrow**, 20, Skidmore, Mo., MIP, 300 block North Market.

■ **Kyle A. Brant**, 21, Maryville, collided with **Donna L. Gilbert**, 43, Maryville, First and Buchanan. Brant cited for failure to yield.

Feb. 4
■ **Andrew M. Mettelle**, 23, Maryville, indecent exposure, 100 block West Fifth.

■ Lost/stolen property, cellular phone and cover, loca-

tion unknown.

■ **Jared A. Harding**, 20, Maryville, MIP, 300 block North Market.

■ **Dustin L. Nail**, 19, Maryville, MIP, 500 block East Jenkins.

■ **Kellen G. Nielson**, 21, Maryville, open container in vehicle, 500 block North Buchanan.

■ **Brian J. Finney**, 22, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, 300 block North Main.

■ **Buck A. Mason**, 25, Oklahoma City, knowingly possessed controlled substance in a county jail, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while intoxicated, 200 block North Market.

■ **Cynthia A. York** 44, Oregon, Mo., collided with **Jay A. Fohey**, 19, Hannibal, Mo., 1600 block South Main.

■ **Sheila A. Williams**, 17, Maryville, collided with **Thomas Hooper**, Market and Edwards.

Feb. 5
■ Assault, ongoing investigation, 400 block North Buchanan.

■ Lost/stolen property, wallet and contents, Main and

Lawn Avenue.

■ Attempted burglary, damaged door frame, 500 block West Fifth.

■ **Phillip G. Land**, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., collided with **Steven L. Swalm**, 53, Maryville, 1600 block South Main.

Feb. 6
■ Assault-follow up, **Tyler W. Ingram**, 23, Kansas City, Mo.

■ Fire report, minor damage, Dieterich Hall.

■ Property damage, window glass, 900 block East Third.

■ Vehicle damage, 600 block East First.

Feb. 7
■ Drug offense, ongoing investigation, 700 block North Main.

■ **Adam M. Wilmes**, 18, Maryville, affray; **Jeffery C. Ferguson**, 19, Maryville, affray, Judah Park.

■ Larceny, car stereo, 700 block South Walnut.

■ **Dorothy L. Degase**, 69, Maryville, collided with **Ashlie A. Moore**, 21, Princeton, Mo., Seventh and Main.

■ Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, location unknown.

■ Larceny, gas drive off, 1600 block South Main.

Feb. 8
■ **Alfred G. Maina**, 25, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block North Main.

■ **Jason S. Coulter**, 25, Ravenwood, Mo., possession

of a controlled substance, 800 block South Main.

Feb. 9
■ **Emily E. Stroud**, 20, Maryville, MIP, failure to signal turn, 500 block West Second.

■ **Tabitha A. Berg**, 26, Maryville, endangering the welfare of a child, follow up.

■ **Cary D. Ray**, 31, Maryville, Animal neglect, follow-up.

■ Property damage, damage to door frame, 700 block North Walnut.

■ **Noah H. Nelson**, 22, Maryville, property damage, 100 block North Buchanan.

■ **Terry K. Davison**, 45, Maryville, dog at large, 100 block South Fillmore.

Feb. 10
■ **Matthew J. Groves**, 18, Maryville, MIP; **Richard W. McCauley**, 19, Maryville, MIP, 400 block North Country Club.

■ **Patrick J. O'Connor**, 20, Maryville, MIP, false information to an officer, 500 block North Buchanan.

■ **Todd J. McClain**, 32, Maryville, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while revoked, 1400 block East First.

■ Unknown hit and run collided with **Paul K. Shisler**, Albany, Mo., Third and Fillmore.

■ **Nicole R. Williams**, 20, Maryville, collided with **Amanda C. Hunter**, 21, Maryville. Williams cited for failure to stop at posted sign, Sixth and Mulberry.

Feb. 11

■ Fire report, vehicle fire, minor damage, 1600 block South Main.

■ Domestic assault, referred to juvenile office, 100 block South Buchanan.

■ Larceny, Igloo dog house, 900 block South Walnut.

■ Property damage, broken window, 600 block North Walnut.

■ **Stephen W. Myrick**, 25, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, 1000 block South Walnut.

■ **Nancy S. Ogle**, 54, Burlington Junction, Mo., collided with **Marisa R. Germann**, Maryville, Cooper and Prairie.

■ **Tessa D. Wilson**, 22, Kansas City, Kan., collided with **Melissa G. Maness**, 26, Barnard, Mo. Wilson cited for failure to yield, Cooper and Laura.

Feb. 12
■ **Mark W. Holthaus**, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 300 block South Main.

■ **Michael J. McMillan**, 19, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, open container in vehicle, MIP, 400 block North Main.

■ **Maggie K. McManigal**, 18, Maryville, MIP, under 19 in a bar, 400 block North Buchanan.

■ **Joseph P. Murray**, 19, Maryville, MIP, 400 block North Buchanan.

Feb. 13
■ Larceny, hubcaps and vehicle damage, 400 block North Saunders.

■ **John A. Stephenson**, 48, Sheridan, Mo., collided with **Linda I. Moore**, 56, Maryville. Stephenson

cited for careless and imprudent driving, South Avenue and Main.

Feb. 15

■ **Joshua A. Kinder**, 22, Maryville, failure to appear, 200 block East Fourth.

■ **Colby J. Chesnut**, 18, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block North Market.

■ **Jazmin L. Schrader**, 20, Maryville, collided with **Megan B. Weiss**, 20, Maryville. Schrader cited for careless and imprudent driving, North Country Club and College Avenue.

Feb. 16

■ Towed vehicle, Tan 1992 Toyota Camry, 600 block North Dewey.

■ **Aaron J. Youngworth**, 22, Louisburg, Kan., driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended, 300 block North Buchanan.

■ **Jonathan E. Ledbetter**, 24, Maryville, collided with Alan Druivenga, Arcadia, Iowa, 900 block North Dewey.

■ **Harry R. Hablin**, 22, Odessa, Mo., collided with Martin Jones, Maryville, Third and Mulberry.

■ **Michael L. O'Connor**, 23, Maryville, collided with **Deborah M. Pace**, 50, Bedford, Iowa, Carefree Drive and Main.

■ **Amanda S. Skipper**, 26, Fillmore, Mo., South Avenue and Main.

■ Recovered property, Murray push mower, Happy Hollow Park.

■ Larceny/stealing, gas drive off, 600 block South Main.

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He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and joins three siblings.

Grandparents are Ron and Ruth May, Drexel, Mo.; and Delane and Earlene Green, Excello, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Isabel and Bernard Spielbust, Drexel, Mo.; Katherine Dryer, Higgensville, Mo.; Lester and Edna Green, Blackwater, Mo.; and Delores Leathers, Boonville, Mo.

Jack Charlie Hayes

Jessica L. Hayes, Maryville, is the parent of Jack Charlie Hayes, born Feb. 4, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Eileen Herbert, Lockheart, Texas; and Steven Hayes, Checotah, Okla.

Great-grandparents are Frances Hayes and late Jack Hayes, St. Joseph, Mo.

Dylan Nichole Kemerling

Nick and Jonnie Kemerling, Savannah, Mo., are the parents of Dylan Nichole Kemerling, born Feb. 2, at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins two sisters, Payton and Druce.

Grandparents are Gene and Dianne McCown, Burlington Junction, Mo.; and Dave and Patty Kemerling, Shenedoah, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Anna Mae Kemerling, Fairfax, Mo.; and Evaline Riley, Fairfax, Mo.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dec. 3

■ Maryville subject reported a theft from a farm building on his property.

Dec. 23

■ Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported property damage to his vehicle.

Dec. 26

■ Barry L. Alexander, 46, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested for misusing 911. He was issued a summons and released.

Dec. 29

■ Steven A. Lett, 47, Maryville, was arrested for

stealing.

■ A burglary was reported to a vacant residence north of Elmo, Mo.

Jan. 3

■ A Maitland, Mo., subject reported that she had been assaulted by a subject in Skidmore, Mo.

■ David A. Morriss, 19, Guildford, Mo., was arrested on two Nodaway County warrants for failure to appear.

Jan. 4

■ Curtis C. Weaver, 41, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

■ A Maryville subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

■ A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported property damage to their vehicle.

Jan. 5

■ Lyle Lee Shipley, Jr., 22, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

■ A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported a theft from vehicles at his business.

■ A Barnard, Mo., subject reported theft from the school in Barnard.

Jan. 6

■ A Pickering subject reported a theft of items from her workplace.

■ A Stanberry, Mo., subject reported a theft from their Maryville business.

■ A Sheridan, Mo., subject reported a theft from his farm.

■ A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported a burglary to his machine shed east of Hopkins.

Jan. 7

■ A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported a theft from his vehicle.

Jan. 8

■ A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported a burglary to their residence.

Jan. 10

■ A Conception Junction, Mo., subject reported a theft from her vehicle while it was parked at her place of employment in Maryville.

Jan. 11

■ A Sheridan, Mo., subject reported a credit card fraud.

Jan. 12

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Hopkins, Mo. No arrests were made.

Jan. 14

■ A Parnell, Mo., subject reported damage to his yard.

■ A Maryville subject reported a burglary to her residence.

Jan. 15

■ Joanna M. Wentworth, 23, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation.

Jan. 17

■ James W. Huffman, 39, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Statutory Sodomy.

Jan. 18

■ A Maryville subject reported identity theft.

Jan. 19

■ A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported a theft of farm equipment from their farm.

■ Jamie S. O'Brien, 20, Albany, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was released on a summons after being held the mandatory detox stay.

Jan. 20

■ A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported a theft from his farm.

Jan. 22

■ Aaron C. Antisdell, 24, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory detox stay.

Jan. 23

■ A Conception Junction, Mo., subject reported a theft from his business.

■ Kody L. Pritchett,

18, Ravenwood, Mo., was arrested for misdemeanor stealing. He was released on a summons.

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from farm equipment on his farm near Quitman, Mo.

Jan. 25

■ A Barnard, Mo., subject reported a theft from her vehicle while it was parked at her place of employment in Maryville.

Jan. 27

■ Joe A. Downing, 37, was arrested on a warrant for a parole violation.

Jan. 28

■ Joshua J. Frisk, 21, Ankeny, Iowa, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released on a summons after being held the mandatory detox stay.

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from her vehicle.

Jan. 29

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from his vehicle.

Jan. 30

■ Steven A. Lett, 47, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing.

Feb. 1

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from her vehicle.

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Feb. 7

■ Speeding
Ashley M. Combs, Maryville, \$64.50
Joel M. Gordon, Maryville, \$56.50
Jennifer J. Larson, Maryville, \$122.50
Erin R. Lohfer, Maryville, \$82.50
Eric M. Lopata, Kansas City, Mo., \$72.50
Michael R. Mandrick, Maryville, \$68.50
Matthew J. Paris, Maryville, \$85.50
Steven G. Sempel, Maryville, \$64.50
Justin C. Wilson, Maryville,

\$73.50

John L. Brown, Maryville, \$144.50
Travis T. Schneider, Maryville, \$122.50

■ Stop sign/light
Eric M. Lopata, Kansas City, Mo., \$97.50
Rafiqul Islam, Maryville, \$137.50

■ Improper Registration
Bradley K. Porter, Hopkins, Mo., \$122.50
William B. Bockelman, Maryville, \$622.50
Edwin J. Otto, Maryville, \$72.50

■ Failure to yield
Mary E. Cochran, Maryville, \$97.50

■ Careless and imprudent driving
Donald A. Christensen, Maryville, \$115
Joshua A. Kinder, Maryville, \$112.50
Ashley D. Martin, Maryville, \$97.50
Rieko Nonaka, Maryville, \$97.50

■ Defective equipment
David E. Gross, Grant City, Mo., \$347.50
Robert A. Wood, Maryville, \$268.50

■ Driving while suspended
John L. Brown, Maryville, \$522.50
Jeffery R. Vangundy, Maryville, \$522.50
Geoffrey G. Githaiga, Maryville, \$522.50
Ashley D. Martin, Maryville, \$500

■ Driving without a valid operator license
Larry D. Bonner, Jr., Maryville, \$595.50
Michael R. Krueger, Maryville, \$522.50
Farah R. Spadar, Maryville, \$522.50
Sean M. Hutchison, Maryville, \$22.50

■ Driving while revoked
Brenna N. Tunell, Maryville, \$522.50
John A. Bears, Maryville, \$522.50

■ Driving with a blood alcohol content
James D. Havens, Maryville, \$595.50

■ Driving while intoxicated
Robin D. Murphy, Barnard, Mo., \$595.50

■ No insurance proof
Donald A. Christensen, Maryville, \$372.50

■ Disorderly conduct
Derrick E. Adams, Maryville, \$122.50
Carl L. McCroskey, Clearmont, Mo., \$172.50
Joshua L. Garnett, Tarkio, Mo., \$372.50

■ Peace disturbance
Javen W. Spire, Maryville, \$122.50
Amanda D. Maness, Maryville, \$122.50
Kevin M. Chancellor, Maryville, \$122.50

■ Minor in possession of intoxicants
Timothy B. Masterson, Holden, Mo., \$322.50
Derrick E. Adams, Maryville, \$200
Seabrin L. Stanley, Maryville, \$422.50
Travis L. Beason, Maryville, \$100

■ Failure to appear
Camron N. Hull, Maryville, \$122.50
William B. Bockelman, Maryville, \$122.50
Jarett A. Depriest, Maryville, \$122.50
Michael R. Krueger, Maryville, \$122.50

■ Failure to pay fines as agreed
Camron N. Hull, Maryville, \$272.50
Aaron J. Hunter, Maryville, \$272.50

■ Affray
Robert L. Sturm, Maryville, \$397.50

■ Open container of alcohol in vehicle
Travis L. Beason, Maryville, \$222.50
Jarett A. Depriest, Maryville, \$122.50
James D. Havens, Maryville, \$300

■ Property damage
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INCUBATOR: Biologics Center focuses towards development

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"We're still talking to a couple of companies out there. Edenspace is one of the companies and we are contending with other states," said Frank Veeman, special assistant to President Dean Hubbard.

Business incubation began in the mid-80s when the Small Business Administration (SBA) held several conferences promoting the development of incubators. The number of incubators in the United States grew from 20 in 1982 to more than 70 in 1987.

A number of states and countries have embraced the incubation development. Columbus, Ohio, Birmingham, Ala., Troy, N.Y., Atlanta, San Jose, Calif., Philadelphia, Canberra, Australia, Shanghai, China and Coventry, England, are among the many places developing a business incubator.

The state of Missouri has nine incubators in Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Charles, Columbia and Chesterfield.

The National Business Incubator Association, the governing body on development has 1,450 members in its association.

JOB: Kawasaki and Economic Development join forces

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were planning to do some in St. Joseph area and Iowa."

Both groups later partnered to conduct Wednesday's job fair along with a community day for the interviewees Feb. 28.

According to Buckles, about 975 invitations were sent out to evacuees in the community and she had received many R.S.V.P.s.

Langerock said during the community day applicants will be given free transportation to Maryville for interviews.

She also said lunch would be provided free along with a tour of the community.

"The need is really across the board for new employees and qualified employees," Langerock said. "Kawasaki has been here for almost 16 years and is a very stable

employer. They (hurricane victims) want something stable, solid and long lasting. As we looked at it, those two ideas fit together."

Gary Thomas and his son Brian were some of the first to come to the open forum. Thomas and his son are evacuees from Hattiesburg, Miss.

Thomas said the apartment complex they lived in was completely destroyed, and housing in Hattiesburg is scarce, Thomas said. This coupled with many evacuees from Louisiana in the area, he and his son decided to come to Kansas City and stay with family.

Stability is the No. 1 priority at this point, Thomas said.

"We want to get in and get settled that's are main thing right now to get settled," he said. "My son is 19 and he just graduated

last year, so he needs some stability in his life so were looking for stability more than anything right now."

Although the program is in full swing, the Development Corporation was initially hesitant to become involved because of housing/transportation shortages in the city.

However, the local Hurricane Relief Task force is compiling a list of available rental properties posted throughout the county.

"This is not a new initiative. This is a new twist on the initiative," Langerock said.

"It made sense to try to meet a need on both sides.

We have a need for workforce and population and they have a need for a stable home and a place to work."

WILDERNESS: Play brings nostalgia

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"The play is a coming of age story with a nostalgic view of America," said Connie Campbell, assistant professor of theatre and costume designer.

Pat Immel, assistant professor of theatre and scene designer, visited the Gaunt House, which has housed all nine of Northwest's presidents, to make a connection to the set of 1906 and Northwest. After viewing the Gaunt House, Immel used his photos to create a set for the play.

"Looking at the Gaunt House, you realize that it was a more pastoral time," Immel said. "Life was simpler, in some ways easier and certainly more elegant. I've tried to reflect that in the set."

Everyone involved in the Northwest theatre production is excited to see what it will look like in the end after everything is put together and moving.

"My favorite thing about being part of this play would

be that I have a chance to play a character that most audiences can relate to," said freshman Jeff Talley, who plays Richard. "There are things he does that are going to remind people of things they did or said. It's awesome to have that kind of connection with your audience."

Theatre Northwest wants people to walk away having enjoyed a nostalgic show to which they can relate.

"Ah, Wilderness!" is a slice of life from 100 years ago very appropriate for the centennial," Campbell said.

The production is scheduled to run from Thursday, March 2, to Sunday, March 5 in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets cost \$8 for the public and \$6 for students, faculty and those over 60 and under 18. For additional information about tickets call student services at 562-1212.

AID: Northwest turns to web

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that point in time. There was a learning curve, and we had to make sure we had our house in order first before we could open the doors to more of a campus-wide use of the CatPAWS system for our purpose."

Morley cautioned that the new system places more responsibility in student hands, while lessening the occasional middle-man role of parents in keeping up with deadlines.

"In the past, if it [the award letter] went to the home address, the parent would put it in front of the student and say 'We need to get this taken care of,'" Morley said. "The student has to become more responsible. Unless they've given parents access to their e-mail and their CatPAWS, it's going to be their [students'] responsibility to get to that and then if they want to share with their parent, that's great."

"We do want the student to be responsible and know what they're doing with their financial aid."

In exchange for an increased student responsibility for financial aid, Northwest stands to streamline their end of the process by cutting back mailing tasks and postage with minimal transition costs. Information Systems Program Supervisor and Senior Project Manager Girja Chavala said the online functions of declaring outside sources of aid and adjusting the disbursement of aid online opens new avenues of clarity for Northwest and students.

"They're not only accessing the award they've been provided," Chavala said. "They can tell the financial aid office 'These are the things I already have,' so they can change it [the award] in the financial aid office to reflect the new resources."

"Sometimes, you may want to reduce the loan in fall, but increase the loan in spring. Right now, the limitation is CatPAWS gives you the yearly amount, but you cannot break it term by term. They want me to change that option to trimester-by-trimester."

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One year makes difference for junior overcoming injury

By Brett Barger
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When Eric Isley left the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday, his second-place finish in the 800-meter run disappointed him.

His time of 1:53.52 was not where he wanted it to be. This has been a welcome feeling for Isley as he prepares to compete Friday and Saturday in the 2006 MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Joplin, Mo.

However, Isley would rather be frustrated by his running times than be frustrated about not running at all.

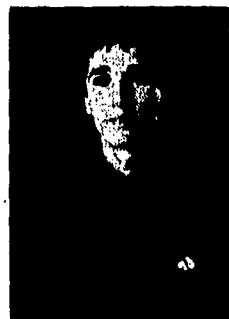
This time last year, Isley was out for the season with a torn meniscus in his left knee. The injury occurred in January forcing him to have season-ending knee surgery in March.

"It was bad being sidelined for a whole year. I didn't run until June," Isley said. "There were some points where you wondered if it will get better or stay the same. Today, it still bothers me. I didn't run cross country because of it and I've had to adjust my practice schedule."

He credits his wife, Fran, whom he married over the summer, with keeping his focus on rehabilitation.

"She kept reminding me that I'd get back and get in shape and get back to where I was, when I got down about not being able to run," Isley said.

Isley did just that in his junior



Eric Isley
Overcoming knee injury

season compiling four top-three finishes including two first-place finishes in the Iowa State Holiday Classic and the Holiday Inn Invitational to open the season. As of Saturday, Isley is second in the MIAA performance rankings in the 800-meter run and first in the 600-yard run.

Before this season, Isley finished 20th at the Concordia Invitational in October 2005 and won an MIAA championship as a member of the 4x800 meter relay team in 2004.

Along with Isley, several other Bearcats are favored to bring home conference championships for the men's squad.

Among the favorites is junior E.J. Falkner, coming off a second-place finish in the 60-meter dash Friday at the Prairie Wolf Invitational. Falkner already provisionally qualified for the NCAA national meet in the 60-meter dash.

Freshman Keelan Green, who finished first in the 60-meter dash Friday, will also look to bring home a conference championship in his young career. Green also provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the 60-meter dash.

Freshman Kendall Wright is tied for first in the MIAA performance rankings in the long jump with a jump of 22' 5 3/4" and looks to make a big splash in his first conference

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Bearcats can't stop nation's hottest team

By Brendan Kelley
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The Northwest women's basketball team wanted nothing more than to get a win Wednesday night in their final home game of the season and send their two seniors off with a win.

At a perfect 25-0 and holding onto a No. 1 national ranking the 'Cats couldn't have picked a tougher opponent than the Washburn Lady Blues and when the final horn had sounded Northwest was left with a 82-61 loss.

"I really thought we had a shot. Too much (Brooke) Ubelaker and too many offensive boards," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "What speaks volumes about Washburn is the fact that their star player can go 0-13 the first half and still lead by 16."

Washburn's Ubelaker went 8-11 from the floor and 6-7 from behind the three-point arc to finish with 23 points on the night.

The 'Cats found themselves only down four with 9:45 left in the first quarter, but a 10-0 run by the Lady Blues between the 5:24 and 1:40 mark helped them to widen their lead and take a 37-21 halftime lead.

"They're a good defensive team," Steinmeyer said. "We were forcing a lot of misses, but they had 11 offensive rebounds in the first half. We were missing about the same number they were missing, but the only thing is they kept having second and third chances and we only had one look and it was gone."

The 'Cats got 12 second-half points from sophomore Mandi Schumacher as she scored three straight Northwest baskets around the 15 minute mark of the second half.

Schumacher's 12 points helped add up to a team total of 40 second-half points, but it still was not enough to overcome the deficit which had already been put into place.

"We battled, but we didn't do a lot of little things. It seemed like when we finally became a little less intimidated against their defense and we started scoring we couldn't get defensive stops so we couldn't string anything



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / PHOTO EDITOR
NORTHWEST'S KATIE O'GRADY, left, fumbles the basketball as she drives against Washburn defenders Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena.

together and go on a big run," senior Meghan Blay said. "We could never put enough together. When you're down by 20 to Washburn you better be stringing long runs together or else it's not going to happen."

Northwest struggled on the boards all night, giving up 18 offensive rebounds and getting beat 44-31 overall underneath the basket.

"They're really good rebounders; they're bigger than us so we needed to box them out and we just didn't do that tonight," Schumacher said. "It's more about will when you go for rebounds, you have to really want the ball and I'm just as guilty as the next person, we didn't do it tonight."

The loss was the last time Laura Friederich and Blay will play at Bearcat Arena, but they aren't letting that affect their mindset as they prepare for the MIAA tournament and their first round game against Central Missouri State on Thursday, March 2, in Kansas City, Mo.

"That's one that we need to get and know we can get, we've been in every single game with them," Blay said. "I think that's one that we want really, really bad because from here on out it's one and your done, there's that urgency."



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
NORTHWEST'S MOSE HOWARD, center, dodges Washburn defenders Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena.

'Cats overcome shaky start to win regular season finale

Northwest sweeps Washburn for first time in 4 years

By Jerome Boettcher
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A rocky start by Northwest couldn't keep three seniors from ending their careers at Bearcat Arena on a winning note Wednesday.

Aided by 21 points from junior Mose Howard, seniors Xzavier Gaines, Addae Houston and Austin Meyer combined for 28 points in a 73-58 victory against the visiting Washburn Ichabods.

Despite a seven-point first half deficit, Northwest went on 20-7 run in the last 6:42 of the first half to lead 40-34.

"That's the story of our year for us, we come out and we don't execute like we should right off the bat and stuff like that," Northwest's Victor James said. "We talk about always winning the 5 minute segment between every media (timeout) and we weren't doing that ... So we regrouped, refocused and said it's time to go out and play our ball because when we play our ball it's hard to stop us."

Just 10 minutes into the game, Northwest had shot a horrific 4-of-13 from the field. The Bearcats then made nine of the next 12 shots they took to end the half.

As time winded down in the first half, James kept a loose ball off of a missed Northwest shot and Meyer snatched it. Meyer was then fouled as the buzzer sounded and he made two free throws before heading into halftime.

"I thought we really got some energy going about 4 minutes to go in the half," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I thought Victor James came in and gave us some of that with his play but it was also coming contagious."

Northwest used the late momentum from the first half to build on their lead. Washburn's Andrew Meile also was shut down in the second half after he scored a career-high 19 points in the first half and made all five three-pointers he attempted.

He attempted three shots in the second half and missed all of them.

Northwest (19-8, 10-6) led by as many as 16 points in the second half and held off any chance of a Washburn (10-15, 4-11) run. It was the first time since the 2001-2002 season that Northwest had swept

Washburn in the regular season series.

Northwest was led by Howard's 21 points and Meyer finished with 12. The win helps Northwest in the South Central region as they are currently ranked fifth.

It was Northwest's last regular season game and now its attention turns to the MIAA Postseason Tournament.

The Bearcats are the first team in the conference to wrap-up its season. The other eight teams in the conference finish their season Saturday.

If the tournament started today, Northwest would be seeded fourth and would play a familiar rival in Missouri Western who would be the fifth seed. Emporia State, who Northwest swept in the regular season series, is also fighting for the fifth seed.

"We're going to have nine days to work on (things), get our legs some rest and work on what we need to do," Meyer said. "By that time I think we'll be hungry and ready to go."

The tournament starts next Friday in Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. Tickets are on sale now at the Student Services Center at the Administration Building on campus.

'Hounds finish 14th at state meet

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For the Maryville High School wrestling team last weekend had success, as well as heartbreak.

With four wrestlers participating in the tournament; including four-time state qualifier Cody Gillenwater at 130-pounds, Maryville had a chance to better their team placing from last year's squad.

Gillenwater, who placed third his junior year at 125-pounds, hoped to better his finish for his final season.

"I think I can win this year, so I'm looking forward to that," Gillenwater said prior to leaving for Columbia.

Gillenwater won his first match against Victor Moellenhoff of Whitfield in a major decision, 15-4. He knocked off Clint Harbbord of Plattsburg, Mo., in the quarterfinals with an overtime win by getting a takedown, winning 3-1.

His run at a state finals berth was abruptly stopped at the hands of Nevin Kopriva of Sherwood, Mo., who handed Gillenwater a major decision loss, 18-8.

That wasn't the end for Gillenwater, he still needed to win one match to make it to the third-place match. He punished Tony Demma of Knob Noster, pinning him late in the



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
MARYVILLE'S CODY GILLENWATER, left, attempts to take down Sherwood's Nevin Kopriva during the Class 1 state wrestling semifinals Friday at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo. Gillenwater lost the match but finished third overall in his final state championship appearance.

second period. Setting up a rematch of the championship in the Quad State Classic hosted by Maryville. Gillenwater obtained third place by defeating Ryan Mallen of Cameron, Mo., 7-2.

The Spoofhounds' representative at 140-pounds was Tanner Archer, who was wrestling in his first state tournament. The inexperience showed, Archer lost his first two matches and was ousted from the tournament on the first day.

Archer knew his battle would be uphill from the start after placing fourth in districts and receiving a low seed for the state tournament.

The first match is the most important, but it would also be the toughest match for him, Archer said prior to leaving for state.

The 'Hounds' lone junior on the squad, Cliff Robertson (160), entered the

see **STATE** on 3B

Happy now? Snyder gone for good

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Missouri Tiger guard Thomas Gardner stood at the back of a crowded room fighting back tears as he watched his former coach and leader Quin Snyder say goodbye.

The media in the room asked Snyder a wide variety of questions ranging from the reasons he stepped down as head coach at the University of Missouri to his personal life, but it seems as though they might have missed the most important moment of the evening.

Gardner's tears said more than anyone words could ever say.

As soon as Snyder announced to his team that he would be stepping down on Friday, Feb. 10, Missouri fans erupted with praise. "He's finally gone," seemed to be the general feeling among MU fans, but the mood was completely different in MU's locker room.

"He didn't quit, it's not in his character," Gardner told reporters who asked if he thought Snyder had stepped down on his own.

"Coach Q didn't quit on us," sophomore Marshall Brown said as teammate Jason

Horton shook his head in approval.

Brown, Horton and Gardner have all said that there is a chance they will transfer at the end of the season due to Snyder's departure.

After seeing and hearing what his player's reactions were I can't help but wonder if Athletic Director Mike Alden and Missouri officials missed one of the most important aspects of a team and coaching when they decided that there was no way Snyder could save his job.

I realize that MU was on a six-game losing streak after dropping a game to Baylor, but you have three players ready to pack their bags because their coach is gone and they believe he was forced out of his job.

In the middle of all the criticism and fans calling for his job, Snyder did something right. Gardner's tears said exactly what Snyder had accomplished. Snyder's players believed in him, despite the losing streak and the public's opinion towards their coach, they believed in the person that

Off the Hook



Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

keep believing in me," Gardner said.

Although they didn't know it then, that would be Snyder's last win at MU.

I'm not saying that Snyder is without blame. MU was not playing well, but Snyder was not MU's only problem like so many people seem to think. When MU won their first game without Snyder against Kansas State people applauded and said that it proved Snyder was the problem.

MU followed the win against Kansas State with a 33-point loss to Kansas on Saturday and a three-point loss to Texas A&M on Tuesday. The losses may have silenced the belief that Snyder was the only problem at least for the time being.

Snyder was and what he was trying to accomplish.

After MU beat rival Kansas at Miz-zou Arena on Jan. 16, 89-86 in overtime Gardner was heard talking to Snyder.

"I am your leader. I believe in you and what you're trying to do,

When Snyder was asked why he was told that he would not be the coach at MU next year, he simply said "wins and losses." Snyder was right, but then again he wasn't.

The Tigers might have been losing, but Snyder was forced out by us. He lost his job because the media and fans refused to see the good that he brought to the program and repeatedly called for his job until the University finally gave in and told him that he would not have a job next season.

Alden and Missouri's administration listened to the public outcry and acted on it, but in all the craziness they forgot to ask Gardner and his teammates what they thought.

Now, Snyder is gone. There is nothing that can bring him back. Many think that's a good thing, but how good is it going to be to see Gardner go to the NBA and Horton and Brown transfer?

Congratulations we won, Snyder is gone.

When are we all going to realize that sometimes there's more to the game and life than winning and losing?

So long Quin...

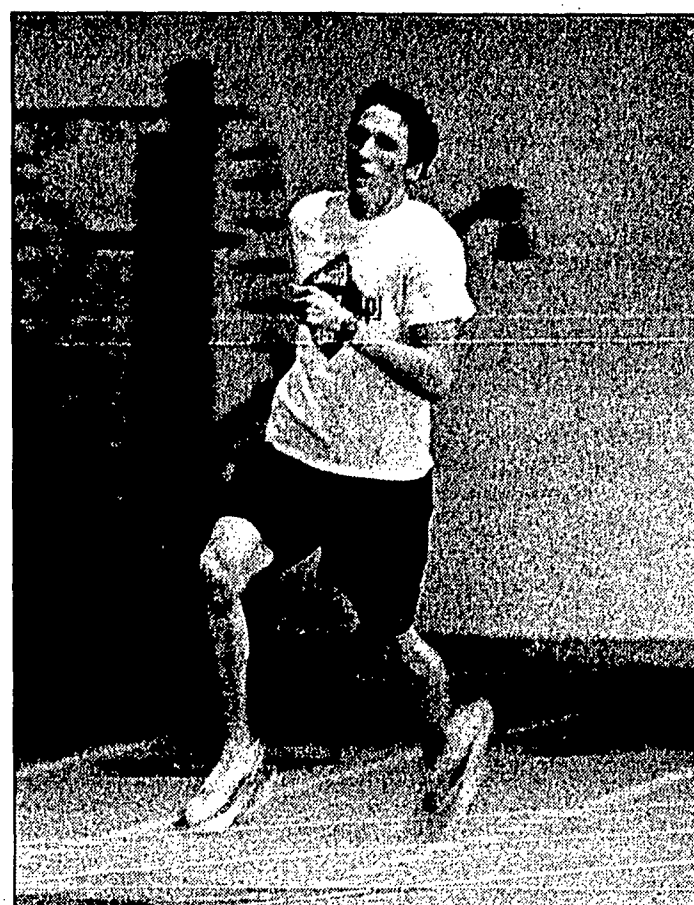


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JUNIOR ERIC ISLEY practices Tuesday at Bearcat Arena in preparation for the MIAA tournament Saturday in Joplin, Mo.

TRACK: Isley, Samuel want to end season on a high note

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championship meet. He is tied for first with Central Missouri State freshman Darryl May.

Junior Bayo Adio, who leads the MIAA in the high jump with a 6'8" 3/4 jump from the Mule Relays on Feb. 11, also favors to finish on top in that event. Adio has also provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the long jump.

"I think we will compete pretty well. On paper, Central is certainly favored to win the thing," coach Richard Alsup said. "I think there are two or three teams that will fight it out for the next few places, and we have a good chance at being one of those teams."

On the women's side, All-American Alisha Samuel, a native of San Juan, Trinidad, finished second in the 60-meter dash Friday at the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. It was her fourth top three finish this season.

"Quite honestly I think the fall started a little shaky for her back in training," coach Scott Lorek said. "But she's really progressed well and I think one of things she doing much better at is that she's making

every race count."

For her performance she was named the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week Monday. It was the fourth time in her career that she earned the honor.

"This was one special because this was the last regular season meet,"

Samuel said. "I'm a senior, so this is my last indoor athlete of the week plaque so I'm really really excited about it."

Samuel and her teammates now turn their attention to the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

Samuel will look for her fourth conference title in the 60-meter dash. Halley Carlson, who high jumps, will try to provisionally qualify for nationals this weekend.

"We just have some people who are sick that we just need to get healthy this week and I think we can," Lorek said. "Overall, we're looking forward to the meet and I think we're going to be very competitive."

-Jerome Boettcher contributed

Tennis opens up

The Northwest mens' and womens' tennis teams begin their seasons at 4 p.m. Friday. Northwest travels to Topeka, Kan., to play Barton County Community College for its season opener.

The men's team is ranked first in the North Central Region preseason rankings released in November. They are also No. 38 in the nation.

The women's team sits at No. 2 in the North Central

region and 34th in the nation. The women are the defending regional champions.

Baseball and softball start after delay

Both the Northwest baseball team and Northwest softball teams' trips to Conway, Ark., last weekend were cancelled, due to the weather. The baseball team was scheduled to play four games against Central Arkansas over the weekend, while

the softball team was scheduled to play in the Central Arkansas Tournament.

Both teams' season openings are now set to start this weekend.

The baseball team will play four games against the University of West Florida starting at 5 p.m. Sunday in Pensacola, Fla.

They then play two games starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday and one final game at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The team then continues their trip down south as they play the University of Montavello for three games starting Thursday.

The softball team plays in the Evangel Tournament in Springfield, Mo., starting Friday.

The team plays Rockhurst, Bacone (Okla.) and Bellevue (Neb.) starting at 1 p.m. Friday.

Bracket play then starts Saturday.

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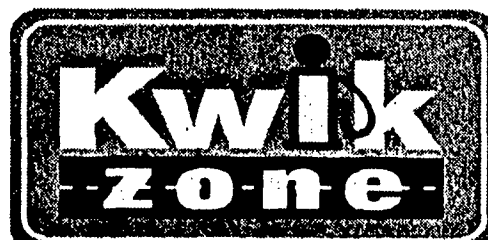
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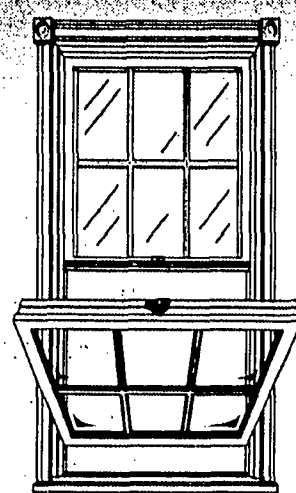
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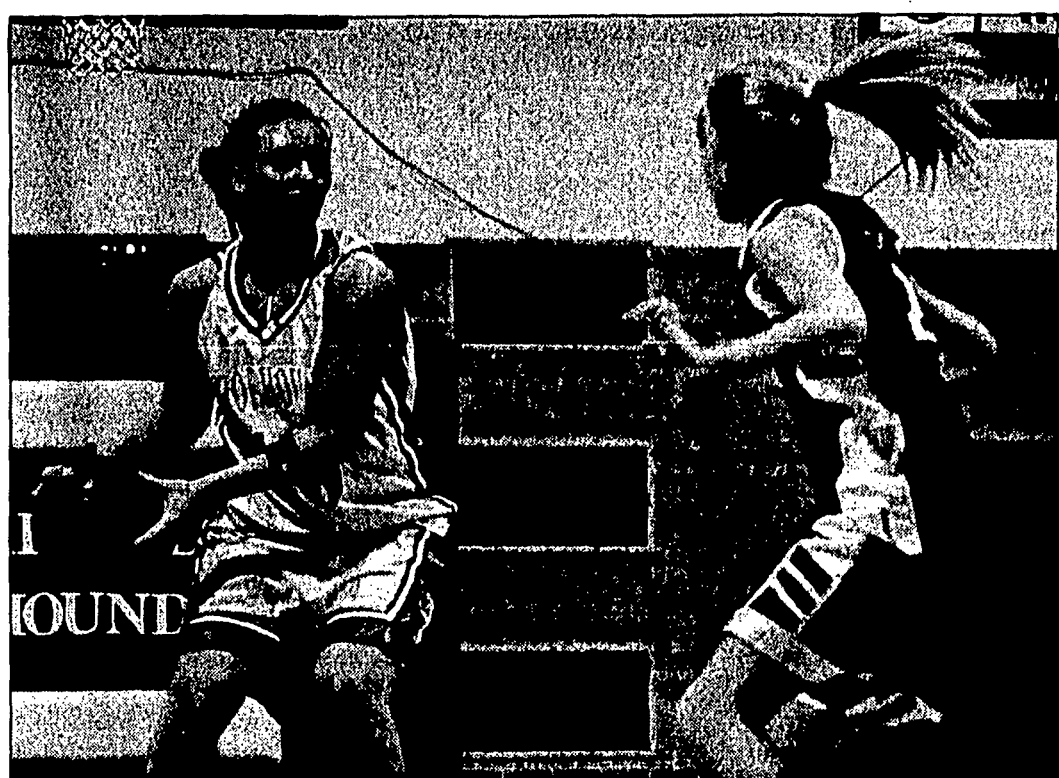
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MARYVILLE'S JULIA EHLERS, left, looks for an open teammate Friday against Savannah.

Woes continue for Maryville

By Jerome Boettcher
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The good news for the Maryville girls' basketball team is that today marks the last regular season game and is senior night tonight against Smithville.

The bad news is that they are playing Smithville.

Smithville comes into the game as the No. 2 in Class 3.

Unfortunately for the Spoofhounds (4-18), they are entering the game after another tough week. The 'Hounds dropped two close basketball games in which they stuck with their opponents.

Tuesday, Maryville stuck with host Cameron for the first half. Leading after the first quarter, the 'Hounds trailed 17-15 at halftime. However, in the third quarter, the Dragons pulled away with a 22-4 run. Cameron eventually won the game 51-40.

Cameron's Courtney Bashor scored a game-high 20 points while Bobbi Austin led Maryville with 18 points. Kim Wolfer, who did not play in Maryville's game Friday due to a cold, chipped in

15 points in the loss.

Friday, Maryville fell to visiting Savannah 38-25. The game had been scheduled for Thursday but due to the hazardous weather, school was closed and the game was rescheduled. Savannah coach Terry Hopkins said, "Everybody knows that on any night somebody can beat somebody else."

"We were a little flat, maybe a little less focused coming in," Savannah coach Terry Hopkins said. "Everybody knows that on any night somebody can beat somebody else."

Maryville trailed just 14-9 at halftime but a scoring drought that started in the second quarter carried over into the third quarter. The 'Hounds scored just two points in both the second and third quarter and the Savages led 25-11 after three periods. Maryville cut the lead down to 10 points with a fourth quarter run but it was too little too late as Savannah pulled away with a 38-25 victory.

Maryville coach Adam Willard credited Savannah's full-court press as part of the reason Maryville couldn't get anything going offensively.

"Anytime you pressure us we don't have a true point

guard so we have got girls out there working there butts off that should be out on the wing, having someone else bring it up so they can get their shots and that sort of thing," Willard said. "That is something that we struggle with and we know that is and it just something that we just try to help each other to get the ball down. But we have problems with pressure."

Willard also said that losing Wolfer, the lone senior on the team, also hurt his team. However, he did say that younger players like Jaclyn Guess and Jordan Gadbois showed some leadership.

"That's 15 points a game that wasn't there but I think Jaclyn and Jordan really stepped it up inside," he said. "Jaclyn got a ton of rebounds, Jordan got to the basket a few times. But it wouldn't hurt any if Kim were there."

Senior night will start tonight with the freshman game beginning at 5 p.m. and the junior varsity and varsity games to follow. On Monday the team will begin Class 3, District 16 Championship play at Penney High School in Hamilton, Mo.

Hounds fall to Dragons

By Meagan Murphy
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Senior night and a large crowd on Tuesday still was not enough to pull the Maryville Spoofhound boys' basketball team out of their 11-game losing streak as they fell 67-45 to the visiting Cameron Dragons.

The lone senior for Maryville, Garett Arnold, scored 17 points in his last home game against a team that could easily be a state champion.

"It was sad he had to lose, but against the No. 1 team in the state...I thought he played his heart out, I mean he's shown good leadership all year long...I feel like he's had a good season," Maryville coach Mike Kuwitzky said on Arnold's season.

The Dragons set a fast pace and kept the stamina rolling as they chalked up yet another win on their record.

During the first quarter, the 'Hounds were able to stay pretty tight with the Dragons trailing just 16-12 after the first period.

"I thought we did have a really good first quarter, and I thought they moved it really well, they're really a load, they're really good," Kuwitzky said.

Cameron stepped up their scoring power during the second quarter by moving the ball more and making their shots.

Maryville had trouble keeping up with Cameron and started to fall behind as the first half drew to a close.

An even bigger point gap with the score 36-24 became hard to overcome.



MARYVILLE'S GARETT ARNOLD, right, tries to get a pass around Cameron's Aaron Fritz Tuesday on senior night.

As minutes of the third quarter ticked away, it became apparent that the 'Hounds wouldn't be able to lessen the gap of the score enough to possibly win the game.

The 'Hounds took a significant scoring blow as starter John Hart suffered an injury to his chin.

It removed him from the game until the fourth quarter.

"I got pretty good contact

with the floor...I'd like to say I'm aggressive, but sometimes I'm in the wrong place at the wrong time, I guess," Hart said.

The game marked the regular season finale for the 'Hounds (4-20).

Districts start next week at Penney High School in Hamilton, Mo.

The Class 3 District 16 championship, which includes Cameron, will start Monday.

STATE: Wrestling season ends well

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state tournament coming off a strong showing at the District 4 tournament. Robertson won second place and received a seed that would put him in a fairly even match.

Robertson lost his first match to Nathan Bright of Boonville, but accelerated through the wrestle-back rounds winning three straight matches before losing to Matt Beyer of Lutheran (St. Peters).

Robertson then capped his season off with a win over Andrew Whitsell of Maysville, Mo., to win fifth place.

The 'Hounds' heavyweight, Dexter Partridge, who also had a good showing in Cameron at the district tournament, entered his first match against Hec-

tor Sada of Missouri Military Academy. Partridge handled the match from the beginning, winning by pin 31 seconds into the match.

Partridge was at the hands of an even quicker pin in his next match against Cody Beck of Lexington, Mo. Beck pinned Partridge 17 seconds into the match, sending Partridge into the wrestle-back rounds.

In the rounds to follow, Partridge didn't falter, winning third place in his first, but final state appearance.

As a team Maryville bettered their mark from last year's team by receiving 14th place compared to 20th last year.

Maryville loses just three seniors, Gillenwater, Partridge and Eligio Littrell who wrestled at 171-pounds this year.

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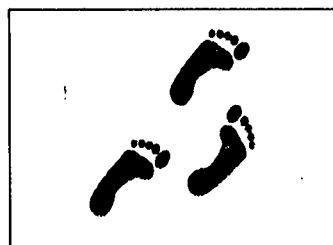
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The National Weather Service

Your Man makes his global warning known



Your Man set out last Thursday morning intent on strolling campus and going to class. Imagine his chagrin when he found the sidewalks coated with ice.

Never one to give in to a challenge, Your Man struggled to the Union only to find the University had closed for the day. Needless to say, he was relieved.

However, Mother Nature, the ice-cold harlot (how's that?) decided to blast the campus with a bone-chilling wind. Despite all of this, it still smelled like a sewage dump outside the

building.

By the way, if any students want to visit Taco Bell, just swing by the west side of the Union, they both smell pretty much the same. Your Man thinks we found the dumping ground for all that quality...ahem...feces.

Of course, Your Man took full advantage of his day off and caught up on all the work that had been plaguing his life. Either that or he slacked off. He can't quite remember due to brain freeze — literally.

As Your Man said, he's not one to give in to a challenge, so he scraped off his windshield (a 15-minute torture) and took a spin around town.

It appears the entire town was covered in a thick layer of cold. Of course, by Tuesday students could wander around campus in a light jacket.

The weather in Maryville

this winter has been far from normal. January and most of February were far too warm for winter, and Your Man has a pretty good idea why.

Britney Spears drove around with her baby on her lap and Dick Cheney shot a guy in the face.

Now, Your Man is no theologian, but he's pretty sure these are signs of the apocalypse. At least that's how the media treated it. Granted, both acts were the products of irresponsibility, but do we really have nothing better to talk about? Last time he checked, Your Man was pretty sure we're in a war.

What's been happening in Iraq? Hey, where are you going? If you sit and listen to some real news for a minute you might get to see Paris Hilton's boobs. They're old news, but she's a "celebrity," and that's what you like, right?

Seriously, ask your average college student to name five members of President Bush's Cabinet, and you get nothing. Ask them to tell you five celebrity scandals and you have to stop them at 12.

Your Man has pondered this phenomenon for awhile, and he's convinced that Americans are suffering from avian flu or global warming. Whatever it is, you can be sure the media will sensationalize the coverage of it.

If it's avian flu, that would explain why we're so obsessed with this skinny squawk boxes who are, for lack of a better pun, bird-brained. And we're watching everything they do because soon we'll be birds too. That's what avian flu is, right?

Global warning presents an alternate yet equally stupid explanation to the problem. You

see, politicians spout a lot of hot air, and that combined with greenhouse gases has us dizzy with heat stroke. Then Cheney came along and shot a guy in the face. That guy, by the way, was a lawyer—another group of people well known for being full of hot air.

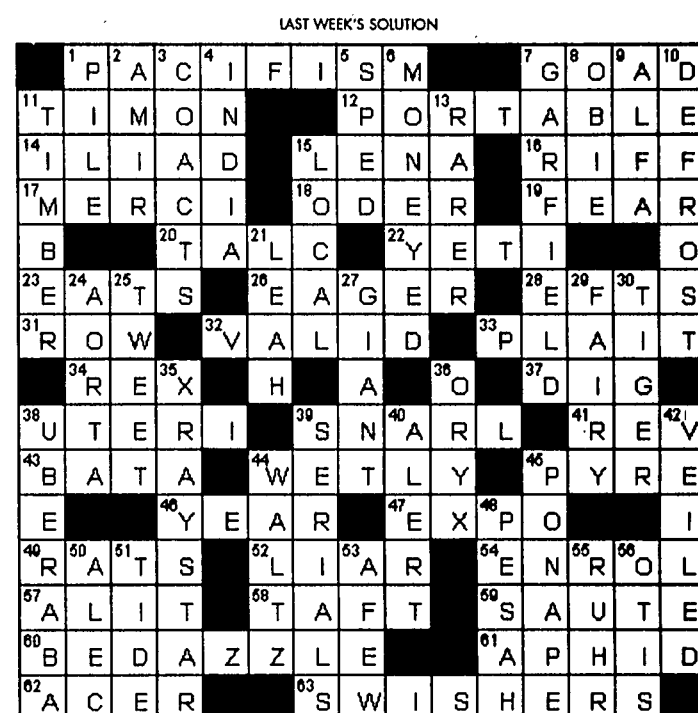
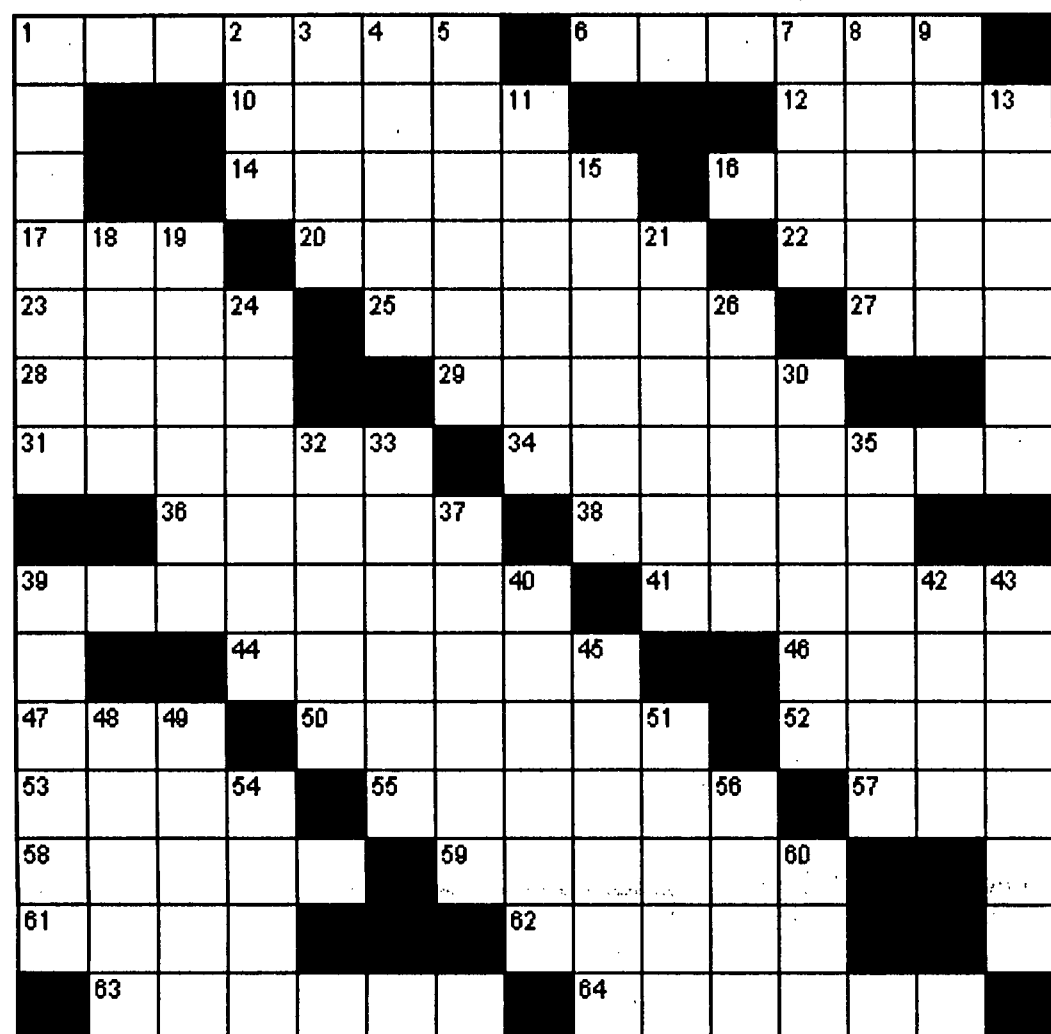
Since the world is warming at an alarming rate, we focus on attempts to stop the windbags from producing more heat.

So our fascination is simple, we're concerned with birdlike squawk boxes (avian flu) and windbags (global warming). Yep, just like Britney we've taken our brains, put them on our lap and taken a drive.

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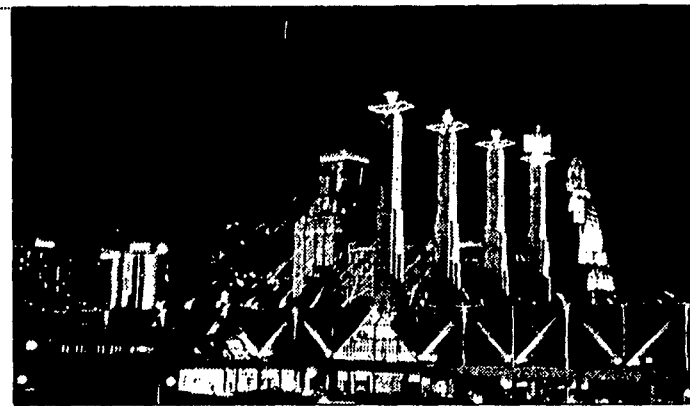
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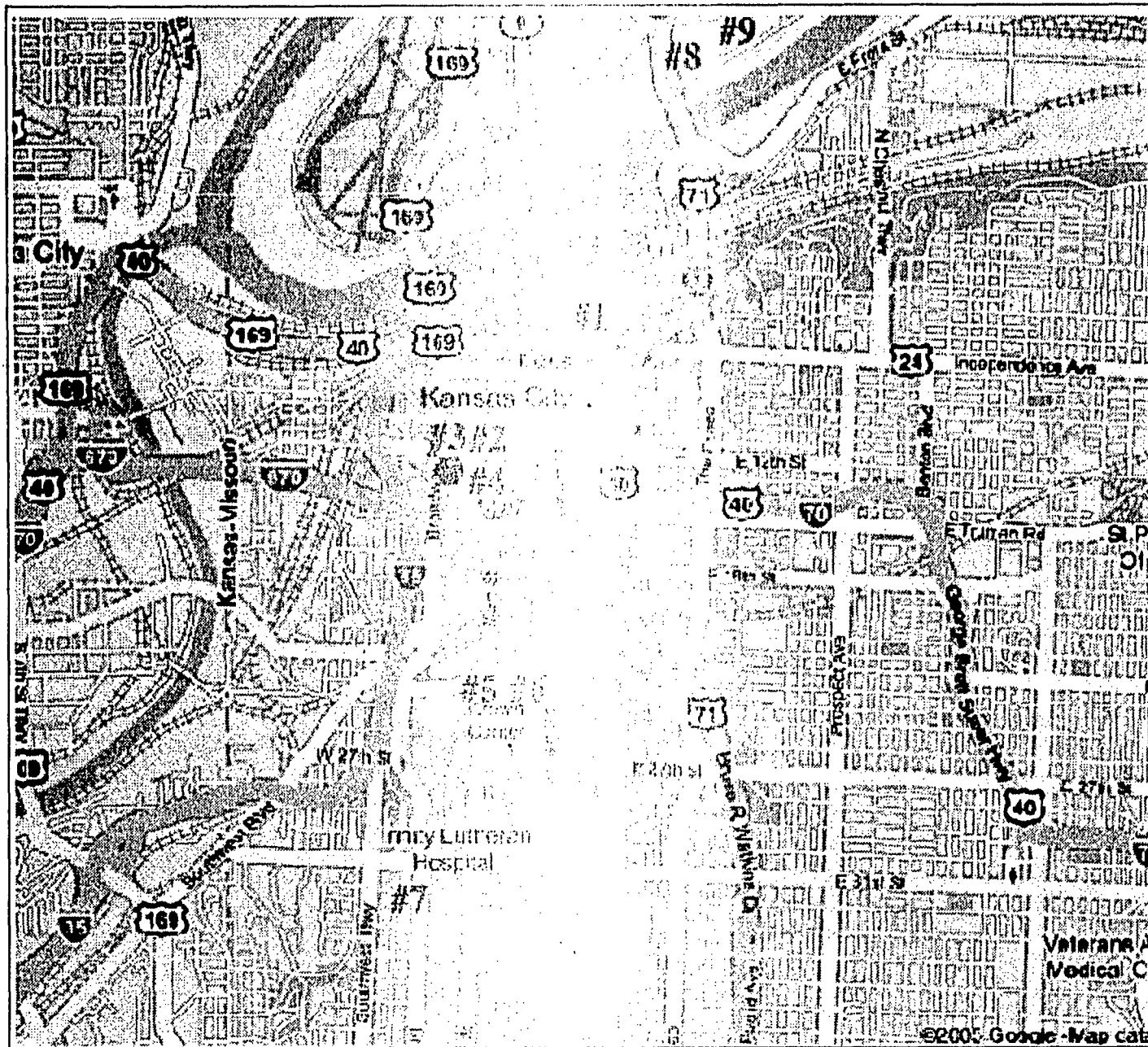
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A little insight on MIAA history

By Andrew Glover
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The focal point of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association mens' and womens' basketball season will be Kansas City, Mo., over March 2 through 5.

The MIAA Tournament has been held at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City since 2002, which is also the year the Northwest mens' team won the championship.

Prior to 2002, the MIAA Tournament was held at the campus of the school with the higher seed.

Northwest womens' basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer feels that the move to Kansas City has helped raise the possibilities for upsets.

"By having neutral sites it leaves the door open for upsets," Steinmeyer said. "I think there have been a lot more upsets on the men's side than the women's side."

Steinmeyer also likes that both mens' and womens' games are played at the same venue.

He recalls when both the Northwest mens' and womens' teams played the 2004 championship in the same afternoon.

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter agrees with the concept of having both teams at the same place as being good for fans.

"The thing I like about the tournament is it brings all our teams to one locale, all the teams stay at the same hotel," Boerigter said. "It provides a real festive atmosphere."

The tournament, though in Kansas City since 2002, has been running since 1981 for the mens' and 1983 for the womens'.

One of the fondest memories for both Steinmeyer and Boerigter is from 2004, when both the mens' and womens' teams won the tournament championship.

This also awarded them with automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament.

Steinmeyer said normally the MIAA send three teams to the NCAA Tournament, but really should get to send four because the MIAA is such a strong conference compared to others in the South Central region. This goes for the mens' teams as well.

Boerigter agrees with this idea saying in the past the MIAA usually has a team in the Elite 8 in the NCAA tournament.

Throughout past tournaments and into the present, Steinmeyer feels that there isn't a better post-season tournament for mens' and womens' basketball.

"There's no tournament, I think nationally, that compares to the MIAA post-season (tournament)," Steinmeyer said.

The Northwest mens' team hopes goes into the tournament having three championships to their name, 1989, 2002 and 2004; the womens' hope to add to their lone title from 2004 next weekend in Kansas City.

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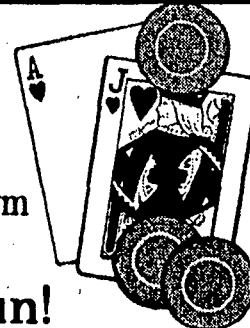
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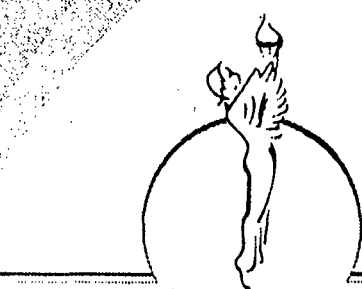


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Don't drink if you are under 21.

Undercover police officers, uniformed officers and state liquor control agents will be assigned to Souldard on Grand Parade Day and on Fat Tuesday. They maintain a zero tolerance policy.

Do not enter the homes of strangers under any circumstance.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor offense punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a significant fine. There are many bars, restaurants, party tents and street space where you can gather with your friends and not break the law.

Do park downtown.

Ample parking is available in downtown St. Louis. MetroBus will again provide shuttle service to Souldard on Charter Communications Grand Parade Day, Saturday, Feb. 5. Shuttles will run regularly from the Savvis Center Metro Station to Souldard and back. Parking is restricted on Charter Communications Grand Parade Day, Saturday, Feb. 25. This year the "Red Zone" area of Souldard, from Lafayette to Shenandoah and 7th to Gravois is closed to vehicular traffic on Grand Parade Day, and no on-street parking will be allowed in this area. Violators will be towed and will pay hefty fines to reclaim vehicle. Only Souldard residents with valid Parade Day Access Permits will be allowed to park in the "Yellow Zone."

Source: www.mardigrasinc.com

Mardi Gras 2006 Souldard in St. Louis

Friday, Feb. 24:

■Mystic Knights of the Purple Haze hosts the 18th Annual Mardi Gras Ball featuring Chubby Carrier and the BSB. Tickets are \$20 and must be 21. The show begins at 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Casa Loma Ballroom.

■Souldard Social Aid & Pleasure Club hosts the 14th Annual Subterranean Ball. The theme is Dizziney best costume wins a prize. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The festivities begin 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the South Broadway Athletic Club.

■Mayor's Masquerade Ball begins 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Tickets start at \$100 per person.

■The 10th Anniversary Mardi Gras Masked Ball featuring the Zydeco Crawdaddies at the Broadway Oyster Bar. All costumed and masked customers receive a free drink. The Loyal Family Costume Mardi Gras Ball will be in the heated tent from 6 p.m.-2:30 a.m. There is a \$5 cover charge for all events.

Saturday, Feb. 25:

■Charter Communications Grand Parade begins 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■Souldard will host six free concerts:

■The Pontiac Stage at Pontiac Park, 9th and Shenandoah will feature; Wild Stallions 3-4:15 p.m., Extremely Pointless 4:45-6 p.m. and Mini Kiss 6:30-7:30 p.m.

■The GMC Stage at 12th and Gravois will feature; Jimmy Lee Kinnett 3-4 p.m., Little River Band 4:30-6 p.m., Deep Six 6:30-7:30 p.m.

■1860's Hardshell Café presents Lightnin' Bottle from 12-10 p.m. and Jimmy Lee from 12-7 p.m. Both performances have a cover charge.

■DJ. Tunes will be spinning from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at The Bastille.

■The Broadway Oyster Bar presents Dangerous Kitchen from 1-5 p.m. and Gumbohead from 7 p.m.-close.

■South Broadway Athletic Club presents Soul Reunion with a \$4 cover charge all day.



Editor's Flick Picks

Each week a *Missourian* staffer will entice you to broaden your viewing pleasure with their favorites. This week is Cali Arnold, Community News Editor.

"Dumb and Dumber"

The dumbest movie ever, hence the title, but also the funniest movie ever made.

Harry and Lloyd, played by Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey, are two losers that end up with a beautiful woman's suitcase.

They begin the drive from Rhode Island to Aspen, Colo., to deliver it back to her. Along the way they encounter two thieves that were supposed to retrieve the suitcase filled with cash to ransom for the woman's kidnapped husband.

Both Harry and Lloyd fall for the woman and experience all kinds of trouble that neither one really realizes is even happening.

I don't even have to watch this movie anymore because I have the whole thing memorized word-for-word.

Carrey became one of my favorite actors after seeing this for the first time.

"Field of Dreams"

If you're from Iowa there's a very good chance that you've seen "Field of Dreams."

Kevin Costner plays troubled farmer Ray Kinsella, who hears a voice one day while in his cornfield, that saying "if you build it, he will come." Thinking the voice is talking about the legendary Shoeless Joe Jackson, played by Ray Liotta, Kinsella turns his cornfield into a baseball field. Soon after, Jackson and other deceased baseball players show up to play games on the diamond. After hearing the voice two more times, Kinsella brings writer Terence Mann, James Earl Jones, to watch the games. He later learns that the field was built for him to make peace with his father.

The movie is even better when you are from Iowa, and actually go to Dyersville and walk through the cornfield. I can speak from experience because my brother and I have done just that.

"Hoosiers"

Anyone from a small town will appreciate "Hoosiers," the movie about a small-town school that uses heart and desire to win the Indiana High School State Basketball Championship.

Gene Hackman plays rundown coach Norman Dale, who is given a last chance to take over as head coach of the Hickory Huskers. With only eight boys on the team, he has to teach the team and town to believe in each other and themselves. Town drunk Shooter, played by Dennis Hopper, gives advice to Dale and his son who plays for the Huskers.

Even if you aren't a basketball fan you will appreciate what the town of Hickory, the Husker's team and the coach go through to come together at the end. As a basketball fan from a small-town high school, it is definitely my favorite movie of all time.

"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"

It's the chick flick that guys like too because of the great comedic scenes between Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey.

The actors play Andie Anderson and Benjamin Barry, a columnist and advertising executive that both have bets with their friends to win over someone of the other sex.

Ironically, one chooses the other without either knowing of the other's plans.

Both parties end up falling in love and unable to finish out their bets.

Girls will like it for McConaughey, guys will like it for Hudson, but both will love it because of the great chemistry between the two.

Hudson really captures the show with her great comedic skills, but McConaughey is who I watch it for.

"Rio Bravo"

Ricky Nelson and Dean Martin sing a duet that is the highlight of the movie, definitely stealing the show from John Wayne.

Wayne is the sheriff of the town Rio Bravo and Martin is his drunken deputy that has lost his touch.

Nelson plays the young gunfighter that wants to help get the men that killed his boss, who happened to be a friend to Wayne.

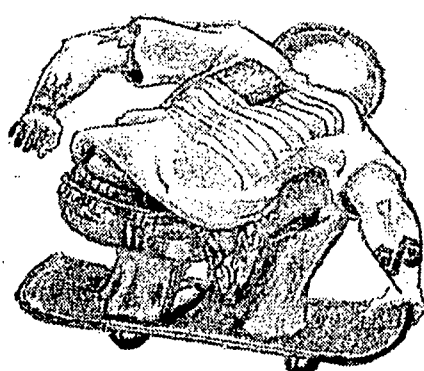
The movie ends with a big gunfight between the good guys and bad guys, with Martin gaining his old skills back and "Stumpy" the jailor finally getting to help out with the fight.

Wayne is one of the most well known actors of all time, and this is his best western by far.

I rewind about 10 times every time I watch it just to see Martin and Nelson singing together.

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For vegans and vegetarians the diet becomes more than a health choice, it becomes a lifestyle

A healthy diet bids farewell to the flesh

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Walking into the J.W. Jones Student Union offers most students plenty of options for food.

Northwest Academy student Daniel Hecox makes his way straight to Bene Pasta. He orders the same thing every time, "create your own" with all the vegetables.

As Hecox waits and watches the other students with their entree's of chicken and steak he wonders if they are ignorant or if they simply don't care. Hecox has an overwhelming passion for vegetarianism, and wishes the other students would consider what the animals suffer through to become their food.

On days when Bene Pasta is closed, he turns and walks out.

What the diet consists of

Many definitions of what a vegetarian actually is exist. Some claim to be a vegetarian but still eat fish, while others simply don't eat beef. The most commonly accepted definition is someone that doesn't consume any type of meat.

People who follow a vegan diet go a step further by cutting out all animal products or by-products. A vegan, for example, would not eat things like milk, cheese or honey. The diet is not the only aspect of a vegan lifestyle; they also don't wear fur or use any product from animals.

Why people choose to do it

Everyone has a different explanation as to why they made the switch to a vegetarian or vegan diet.

Many people are passionate about animal rights or are interested in finding a healthier diet.

Hecox has been a vegetarian for three years. Hecox has an overwhelming compassion for animals

and after researching sources on animal cruelty, he made the switch.

"I switched partly for the health benefits," Hecox said. "It was mainly because I realized the inhumane processes that the animals were put through."

Hecox explained he is saddened at the thought of what some animals suffer through in the process. His voice was filled with disgust as he explained the passive methods used and the thought of animals not being killed immediately, instead being subjected a slower execution.

In addition, according to GoVeg.com, the treatment of chickens on corporate farms is unbelievably cruel. The chickens are frequently crammed in sheds with thousands of other birds and the close quarters leads to the outbreak of disease.

The chickens are drugged to grow large at an alarming pace. The growth doesn't parallel the growth of their legs and they frequently become crippled because they cannot hold their own weight. When the animals die it's because they cannot walk to reach the water nozzles, according to GoVeg.com.

"The animals are treated as though they are not really alive," Hecox said.

Northwest freshman James Waltz follows a variation of the vegetarian diet. Waltz does not deprive himself of meat but instead refuses to eat anything raised on a corporate farm.

Waltz selected the lifestyle six months ago after studying the treatment of animals on corporate farms. The slaughter of animals on a corporate farm is more conducive to suffering, Waltz said.

On the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, PETA, Web site several videos can be accessed that support Waltz's reasoning. Corporate farms are particularly documented for the abuse of cows.

One video displayed extensive footage of the way cows are hooked up to milking machines anywhere from one to three times a day, which frequently injures them. The cows are kept in small stalls with barely enough room to lie to down.

According to PETA, in order to keep the production of milk up the cows are repeatedly impregnated to keep the animal producing milk. For veal production the calves, are separated from their mother at birth.

The cow is used for manufacturing milk up until old age where they are sent to slaughter for meat.

Health implications of long-term vegetarianism

According to Dietician Manager of Campus Dining Services Laraine Walters, vegan and vegetarian diets are possible to follow and still maintain a healthy lifestyle with proper planning.

According to the Ameri-

can Dietetic Association, a vegetarian diet provides a wide variety of health benefits. A vegetarian diet will create lower levels of saturated fat and blood cholesterol. In addition, the diet will reduce the risk of heart attack, hypertension, obesity and colon cancer.

However, when vegetarians cut out meat sources they are losing their main source of protein. The failure to compensate for the loss can result in anemia and an array of other health complications.

According to Walters, a healthy vegetarian diet consists of two to four fruit servings per day, two to three servings of legumes or other meat alternatives per day, three to five vegetable servings per day and consuming enough calories to maintain a healthy weight.

"A vegan diet is more challenging because you are eliminating all animal sources," Walters said. "You are missing out on B12, iron zinc, vitamin D and calcium."

Many people who follow a vegan lifestyle have to supplement B12. A B12 deficiency can result in the development of anemia, so it is very important to assure all health requirements are met.

"I hate to see people switch to these diets and then supplement their way through them," Walters said. "Food first before supplements."

Every body type is different

Mass Communications Instructor Jason Offutt made the switch to a vegetarian diet, losing 20 pounds in four months. He switched back after he began to notice a change in his health.

"I was a very healthy person and rarely caught colds," Offutt said. "I was a vegetarian for eight months and every flu virus, cold and sickness that came near me I caught. I was tired of being sick all of the time and when I started to eat meat again on a regular basis I stopped getting cold and flu very often."

Healthy choices are about each individual's need of a balance between activity and energy level, Walters said.

"When we gain weight our energy level is higher than what we need for our activity of the day," she said. "When activity is higher than energy than energy our intake is lower and results in fatigue."

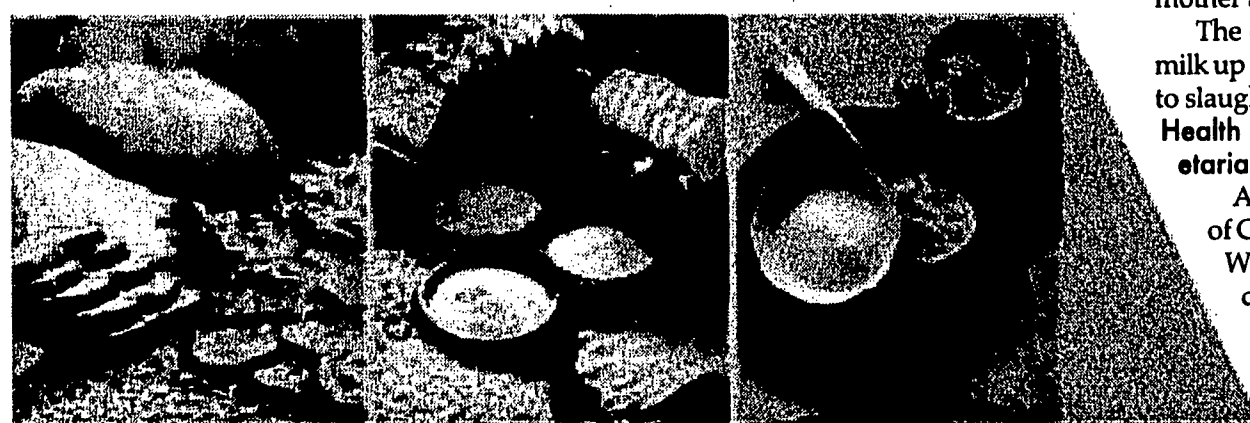
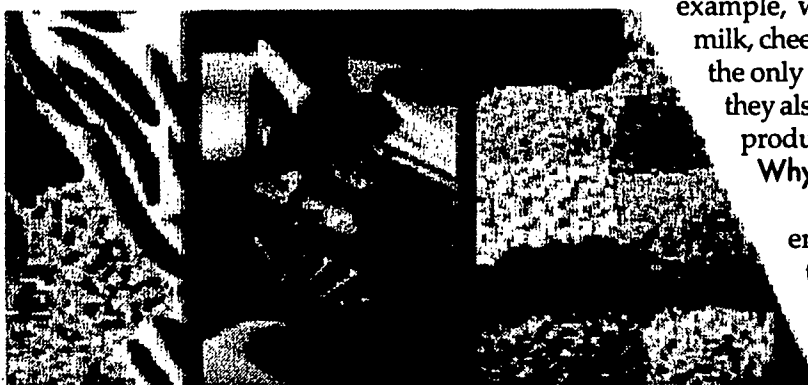
The perfect diet is a balance that changes for each person, Walters said.

Vegetarian options at Northwest

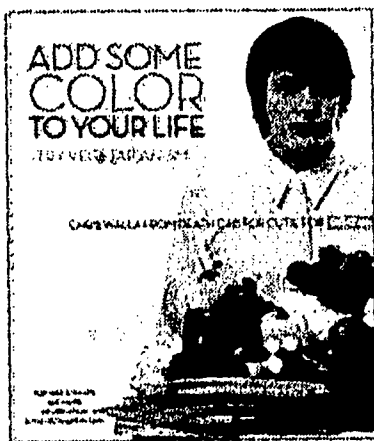
As vegetarianism grows at universities around the country more and more options are being made to accommodate the lifestyle.

The J.W. Jones Student Union offers a series of restaurants with vegetarian options.

Bene Pasta offers "create your own" pastas which can be made without meat. At Tortilla Fresca they offer portabella mushrooms as the substitute for meat in their dishes. There is a salad bar and a freezer section that offers meatless entrées.



Celebrities opting for a meatless diet



The decision to switch to a vegetarian or vegan diet is increasing in popularity with young people.

Currently, the most dominant vegetarian and vegan trend is found in the music scene. More and more members of bands performing in the alternative and hardcore genre are followers of these diets. Some of the bands have a fairly significant fan base, while others are still struggling to get off the ground.

Here are a few of the bands and their reasons for selecting these lifestyles.

■ Fall Out Boy's drummer, Andrew Hurley, has been a vegetarian for eight years. Hurley made the switch based on his disgust with factory farming.

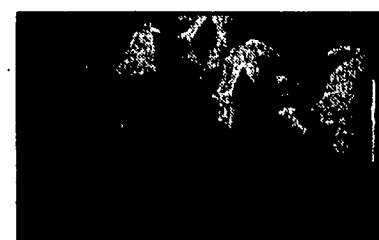
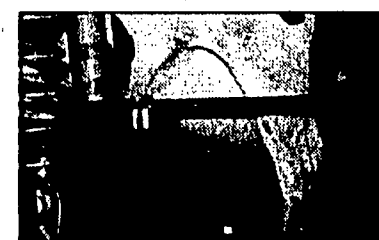
■ Deathcab For Cutie's guitarist, Chris Walla, has been a vegetarian since he was 13-years-old. He attributes the majority of the decision to environmental

concerns.

■ Hawthorne Heights guitarist, Casey Calvert, switched after attending a pork festival. He has been a vegetarian for seven years.

■ Maroon 5 bassist, Mickey Madden, is a vegan. Madden attributes the switch to having a deep affection and respect for living things.

Beyond the music scene many other celebrities have been sharing support for animal rights by switching to a vegan or vegetarian diet. Other celebrities include names like Alicia Silverstone, Outkast's Andre 3000, Joaquin Phoenix, Anna Paquin and Josh Hartnett.



(Top left) The machines that are attached to the cow's udders during the milking process frequently result in harming the animal. (Top right) From the beginning of their lives piglets are raised in cages with nothing but hard metal grates to stand on. (Bottom left) Calves are frequently separated from their mothers at birth and sold for veal production. They are chained to their cages, rarely with enough room to stand. (Bottom right) Chickens are raised in such cramped and filthy conditions that frequently lead to the outbreak of disease.

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